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Kowloon	6.40	8.05	9.30	10.55	12.20	1.45	3.10	4.35	6.00	7.25	8.50	10.15	11.40	1.05	2.30	3.55	5.20	6.45	8.10	9.35	11.00	12.25	1.50	3.05
Yuenai	6.45	8.10	9.35	11.00	12.25	1.50	3.15	4.40	6.05	7.30	8.55	10.20	11.45	1.10	2.35	4.00	5.25	6.50	8.15	9.40	11.05	12.30	1.55	3.10
Shatin	7.01	8.26	9.51	11.16	12.41	2.06	3.31	4.56	6.21	7.46	9.11	10.36	12.01	1.26	2.51	4.16	5.41	7.06	8.31	9.56	11.21	12.46	2.01	3.26
Taipei Market	7.15	8.40	10.05	11.30	12.55	2.20	3.45	5.10	6.35	8.00	9.25	10.50	12.15	1.40	3.05	4.30	5.55	7.20	8.45	10.10	11.35	13.00	2.25	3.50
Taipei	7.30	8.55	10.20	11.45	13.10	2.35	4.00	5.25	6.50	8.15	9.40	11.05	12.30	1.55	3.20	4.45	6.10	7.35	9.00	10.25	11.50	13.15	2.40	4.05
Fanning	7.50	9.15	10.40	12.05	13.30	2.55	4.20	5.45	7.10	8.35	10.00	11.25	12.50	2.05	3.30	4.55	6.20	7.45	9.10	10.35	12.00	13.25	2.50	4.15
Shamshui	7.55	9.20	10.45	12.10	13.35	3.00	4.25	5.50	7.15	8.40	10.05	11.30	12.55	2.10	3.35	5.00	6.25	7.50	9.15	10.40	12.05	13.30	2.55	4.20
Shamshui	7.41	9.06	10.31	11.56	13.21	2.46	4.01	5.26	6.51	8.16	9.41	11.06	12.31	1.56	3.21	4.46	6.11	7.36	9.01	10.26	11.51	13.16	2.41	4.06
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Canton	—	—	—	8.05	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shamshui	7.15	8.40	10.05	11.30	12.55	2.20	3.45	5.10	6.35	8.00	9.25	10.50	12.15	1.40	3.05	4.30	5.55	7.20	8.45	10.10	11.35	13.00	2.25	3.50
Shamshui	7.35	9.00	10.25	11.50	13.15	2.40	4.05	5.30	6.55	8.20	9.45	11.10	12.35	2.00	3.25	4.50	6.15	7.40	9.05	10.30	11.55	13.20	2.45	4.10
Fanning	7.50	9.15	10.40	12.05	13.30	2.55	4.20	5.45	7.10	8.35	10.00	11.25	12.50	2.05	3.30	4.55	6.20	7.45	9.10	10.35	12.00	13.25	2.50	4.15
Taipei	7.40	9.05	10.30	11.55	13.20	2.45	4.10	5.35	7.00	8.25	9.50	11.15	12.40	2.05	3.30	4.55	6.20	7.45	9.10	10.35	12.00	13.25	2.50	4.15
Taipei Market	7.54	9.19	10.44	12.09	13.34	2.59	4.24	5.49	7.14	8.39	10.04	11.29	12.54	2.09	3.34	4.59	6.24	7.49	9.14	10.39	12.04	13.29	2.54	4.19
Shatin	7.57	9.22	10.47	12.12	13.37	3.02	4.27	5.52	7.17	8.42	10.07	11.32	12.57	2.12	3.37	5.02	6.27	7.52	9.17	10.42	12.07	13.32	2.57	4.22
Yuenai	8.11	9.36	11.01	12.26	13.51	3.16	4.41	5.66	6.91	8.16	9.41	11.06	12.31	2.56	4.21	5.46	6.71	7.96	9.21	10.46	12.11	13.36	3.01	4.26
Kowloon	8.17	9.42	11.07	12.32	13.57	3.22	4.47	5.72	6.97	8.22	9.47	11.12	12.37	3.02	4.27	5.52	6.77	8.02	9.27	10.52	12.17	13.42	3.07	4.32

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[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, August 4th.
The members of the London County Council felt themselves highly honoured this week when the Prince of Wales paid a surprise visit to their meeting in the County Hall at Westminster. As Duke of Cornwall the Prince is one of the largest property owners in South London, and he is naturally interested in the government of the Metropolis. He listened to the debate with close attention for an hour.

In a little speech replying to the Chairman's welcome His Royal Highness proved himself a good Londoner. "There is hardly a part of London," he said, "in which I do not take an interest, and there is hardly a part that I could not find my way about in fairly well." This is more than a good many Londoners, even those born within the sound of Bow Bells, could truthfully say. Because most people who live and work in London are accustomed to confine their perambulations to the well-known streets, and seldom wander into the byways of the Metropolis.

Great London Improvement Scheme.

As it happened the Prince of Wales found himself at a historic meeting of the L.C.C., for the great Charing Cross improvement scheme came up for discussion, and was finally approved. It is to cost £12,876,000. The scheme provides for the construction of a new bridge for road traffic over the Thames at Charing Cross, the demolition of the present railway bridge and the removal of Charing Cross railway terminus to the south side of the Thames, a new embankment to resemble a boulevard on the south side of the river where there are now business premises, and the reconstruction and widening of Waterloo Bridge.

The Government will find 75 per cent of the money required for this gigantic undertaking, and the balance is to be provided by the L.C.C. All that remains unsettled is the consent of the Southern Railway to the removal of the terminus at Charing Cross. But this is only a matter of negotiation, to get over the objection that the 38,000 passengers using the station daily will be inconvenienced if they are obliged to complete their journey south of the Thames instead of at Charing Cross.

There is, however, very little valid ground for the argument that it will make much difference, because on arriving at Charing Cross passengers are turned out into the Strand and have to take other transport to their destination. The scheme will take years to carry out, and it will change the appearance of the Strand on the west-in the vicinity of Trafalgar Square. The Charing Cross hotel will disappear, and also the monstrosity of a railway bridge behind it, and there will be a fine view across the Thames which will be spanned by a noble bridge for street traffic and foot passengers.

Former Hong Kong Judge.

Sir Fielding Clarke, who was appointed Puisne Judge in Hong Kong in 1889 and after that was Chief Justice in the Colony, passed away this week at the age of 77. After leaving the Far East he was Chief Justice in Jamaica from 1896 till 1911. He was knighted in 1894. On returning to England when he retired he resided at Southend-on-Sea, and after a few years went to live at Stifford, a small village in Essex near the Thames, where he interested himself in local affairs, being placed on the Commission of the Peace for the County. His legal knowledge was recognised by

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THE "TILE-TROT"

"CAT ON HOT BRICKS" DANCE.

INVENTOR AGED 60.

The Tile-trot is the first dance of the new season. It is based on the movements of a kitten walking on a tiled hearth, and looks like a speeded-up tango. "I am sixty years old, and I'm the most wonderful dancer in the world," exclaimed the inventor, Major Cecil Taylor, the president of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing, after he had given a demonstration of the new dance to the committee on July 30th.

Then he added: "It is obvious why I cannot give an encore. I shall never forget my treatment on the 'Yale Blues,' and in dead silence sat down."

Yale Blues.

The "treatment," Major Taylor explained to a *Daily Express* representative afterwards, consisted in other people learning the Yale Blues from his demonstration, and immediately signing contracts and drawing fees in connection with the dance, to which the inventor claimed he was entitled.

Major Taylor had hoped that the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing would pay him a substantial fee for the rights of the "Tile-trot," but he said later that fifty-nine teachers had made him a better offer by each paying him a fee to be taught the dance.

He had safeguarded his film rights by having the dance filmed before the demonstration.

The dance has five steps—the prowl, the cat's paw, the paper, the double caper, and the physical turn. It is done in tango time at a tempo of not less than thirty-four.

Changes in Mayfair.

One of the changes noticed in London by people returning after a long absence is the tendency of the population to move further out from the centre. The people of Mayfair, like the dwellers in less aristocratic localities, see their best hope of retaining a home near the hub of their universe in the great piles of residential flats that have arisen in the West End. There is one such pile on the site of the famous Devonshire House in Piccadilly, and another in Park Lane where the Duke of Westminster's house stood.

Needless to say, only the very wealthy can afford to pay the enormous rents charged for accommodation in these palaces. A single roomed flat in the attics in the Park Lane flats costs the trifling of £500 a year in rent, and that is without a bath; if you want a bathroom the rent at once rises to £700 a year. As you descend towards the ground the rents increase, till a few stories from the street level commands a rental of £3,500 a year. It is a pretty tall figure for the privilege of having a place in which to eat and sleep and entertain friends.

Naval Command in China.

The appointment of Vice-Admiral A. K. Winstell, C.B., as Commander-in-Chief on the China Station is announced in succession to Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, and the *Times* calls attention to the fact that the latter has only been in China for two years. The custom now is to relieve Commanders-in-Chief both on the China and African Stations on the expiration of two years instead of three as formerly, and it is only in the case of the two principal Fleets, the Atlantic and Mediterranean, where there is an extension to three years. Vice-Admiral Winstell was in command of the First Cruiser Squadron, Mediterranean Fleet, until he was promoted to his present rank a couple of years ago.—H.B.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

(August 30th.)
Rugby Football: Meeting Union Building, 5.30 p.m.
Baseball: Junior Division: St. Joseph's v. Y.M.C.A., 5.30 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Steamboat Bill Jr."
World Theatre: "La Bohème."
Star Theatre: "The Telephone Girl."

Friday.
(August 31st.)
Birthdays of H.M. the Queen of Holland.
Consul General for Holland "at home," 11 a.m. to noon.
Christian Fellowship Meeting: Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.
Entries close for H.K. Amateur Football League.
41st Annual General Meeting, H.K. Football Club, 5.30 p.m.
Violin Recital, Cecilia Hansen Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Steamboat Bill Jr."
World Theatre: "La Bohème."
Star Theatre: "The Telephone Girl."

Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Naldora).
Saturday.
(September 1st.)
Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning. Lawn Bowls: Division I: Craigengower v. Police, Kowloon Bowling G.C. v. Kowloon C.C. Tai Koo v. Kowloon Dock, Division II: Civil Service v. Craigengower, East Point v. Tai Koo, Kowloon C.C. v. Kowloon Bowling G.C. Recreation "A" v. Recreation "B."

Baseball: Junior Division: South China v. China Athletics, 9 p.m. Senior Division: H.K. Baseball Club v. South China.
St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, Bathing picnic, 8 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Steamboat Bill Jr."
World Theatre: "La Bohème."
Star Theatre: "The Telephone Girl."
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Naldora), 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Glengarry), 8 p.m.

Sunday.
(September 2nd.)
13th Sunday after Trinity.
Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanning. Baseball: Junior Division: South China Scouts v. Kloras, 2 p.m. Senior Division: China Athletics v. Y.M.C.A., 4 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "A Kiss in a Taxi."
World Theatre: "Painted Ponies."
Star Theatre: "The Mysterious Rider."
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Monday.
(September 3rd.)
Sale of Crown Land New Kowloon Lot No. 1163 and 1154 and Kowloon Island Lot No. 2135, 3 p.m.
Annual General Meeting, Hong Kong Hockey Club.
Annual Meeting, H.K. Cricket League, 5.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "A Kiss in a Taxi."
World Theatre: "Painted Ponies."
Star Theatre: "The Mysterious Rider."
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

Tuesday.
(September 4th.)
Sanitary Board Meeting, 4.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Stop that Man."
World Theatre: "Butterflies in the Rain."
Star Theatre: "Lady Windermere's Fan."
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Naldora), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.
(September 5th.)
Seamen's Institute Whist Drive. Baseball: Junior Division: South China Scouts v. Y.M.C.A. Queen's Theatre: "Stop that Man."
World Theatre: "Butterflies in the Rain."
Star Theatre: "Lady Windermere's Fan."
Tea Dance: H.K. Hotel, 4.30 p.m.

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MR. MATTHEWS A
WEALTHY MAN.

"I AM BROKEN HEARTED."

LONDON, Aug. 28th.
A verdict of Suicide while Temporarily Insane was recorded by Mr. H. Basil Harrison, the coroner, at the inquest on Mr. J. B. Matthews, K.C., aged 68, of Bickley Court, Kent, who was the Recorder of Dudley, Worcestershire.

Mr. Matthews was found shot on Sunday last in the gun-room of Orchard Cottage, Rydd, near Worcester, which he used as a shooting box.

Mrs. Matthews, who motored from Malvern, where she has been staying since the tragedy, gave her evidence with great emotion.

"On Sunday last," she said, "we had luncheon together in this room. Afterwards we went into the garden and I left my husband in a deck chair to go upstairs."

"While I was there I heard the report of a gun and went down stairs. I found him in the gun room."

Her husband had been in indifferent health for a long time.

Worrying Desperately.

Mr. Harrison: He had been worrying?—He seemed to be worrying desperately about something, but we never knew what it was.

You had the impression that his worry had to do with money matters?—He was always telling me there was trouble with money, that he was not at all well off, and things were going very badly with him.

Do you know if there was any foundation for his worrying?—Absolutely none. It was a pure delusion.

Miss Alice Haywood, housekeeper at Orchard Cottage, said that Mr. Matthews told her the other week that he was worried.

"He said, 'I cannot explain to you, Miss Haywood, but I am a broken-hearted man. He was more depressed on his last visit.'"

Mr. R. J. White, of Thavies Inn, E.C., Mr. Matthews's solicitor, said he had known Mr. Matthews for 15 years. He was in his usual health and spirits down to January, last.

A Wealthy Man.

"From my own knowledge and from what he had told me I have come to the conclusion that there is no foundation for his having any financial worry," said Mr. White. "If he was worrying it was a pure delusion. I should consider him a wealthy man."

Dr. H. J. Couchman said he found Mr. Matthews lying on a seat in the gun-room. His knees were drawn up and between them was a double-barrelled shot gun. The right barrel had gone through the back of the roof of the mouth and destroyed the skull.

Mr. Harrison: There can be no question but that the gun was fired by him—I think not. I think it was fired in a sitting position leaning against a settee.

Dr. Couchman added that Mr. Matthews had been on strict diet for a diabetic condition.

Recording his verdict, Mr. Harrison said that the last time he saw Mr. Matthews he was giving evidence in another gun-shot case.

"J.B." AND HIS BOOKS.

HOW A JUDGE DISPOSED OF THEM IN COURT.

There were few men at the Bar whose loss will be mourned by a bigger host of friends than Mr. Matthews, for "J.B." as he was affectionately called, was universally known, and equally universally liked, writes a friend.

Many of his less fortunate colleagues could tell stories of his generosity, which, whether in the form of financial help to those who needed it or friendly advice to a beginner, was unselfish.

He was, perhaps, the most learned case lawyer at the Bar—at any rate since the elevation of Mr. Justice McCardie to the bench. It was a moot point which would have won a competition for citing cases from memory.

As an advocate Mr. Matthews suffered to some extent from the defects of his learning; he was apt to make complex that which could have been simple, and conscientious was a virtue which—as he himself was the first to admit—he could never achieve.

Many good stories are told of him in this respect. On one occasion he appeared in court with a long row of books. His opponent, another "silk," had none. "The judge—the late Mr. Justice Bailhache—said: 'Mr. Matthews, I observe many books in front of you. Your opponent has none. What is your first proposition?'"

"J.B." stated it.

"Do you dispute that?" said the judge to his opponent.

"No, my Lord."

"Take out the books relating to that point," went on the judge, "and put them behind you. Now what is your next point?"

He was the holder of the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal.

JOY FLIGHTS TO BE STOPPED.

SEQUEL TO GIRLS' DEATHS IN CRASH.

CROYDON AIR PORT TRAGEDY.

An inquest was held at Bandon Hill, Purley, near Croydon, on the four people killed in the air crash near Purley on July 13th.

The names of the victims were: Phyllis Smith, aged 21, typist, of Ferndale-road, South Norwood, S.E.; Emily Joan Benjafield, 18, typist, of Whitehorse-road, Thornton Heath, Croydon; Andrew Hall, aged 40, of the Croydon Aerodrome Investigation Department, living at Rosemount-avenue, North Finchley, N.W.; and William Edward Halstead, motor driver for Imperial Airways, of the Broadway, West Hendon, N.W.

At the previous hearing it was stated that the people were dead before they were burnt by the flames from the aeroplane, which caught fire after the crash.

William Charles Richards, an employee of Imperial Airways, said that he saw the aeroplane take off in a normal way and rise into the air.

Mr. Scott (for the two dead girls): Is it an uncommon thing for two girls to have the privilege of these flights?—It is not unusual.

Mr. Richards said that all passengers who were allowed to take a flight for recreation purposes signed a document indemnifying the company against responsibility and liability for accidents.

Keen on Joy Rides.

Mr. Henry Hall, engineering superintendent for the Imperial Airways, said that the flight was an engine test. The machine had been flying for three years.

Mr. Paull, for Imperial Airways: Do Imperial Airways permit people to go up in such flights?—Yes. People are very keen to go up on joy rides, and they apply. The company regard it as rather "a bother."

Miss Marjorie Blake, who was in charge of the two girls who were killed, said they asked her permission to go up, and she gave it provided that the flight would not exceed 15 minutes.

Mr. Albert G. Tucker, of West Croydon, one of the passengers in the machine and a storekeeper at the aerodrome, said that he had asked three or four times go up for a "joy ride."

The Coroner, Mr. Nightingale: You thought it a privilege?—Yes, and I hope I shall have the privilege again.

Have you been up before?—That was my first experience.

And you want to go again?—Certainly.

Slow To Climb.

Captain John Spafford, of Wallington, the pilot, whose leg was heavily bandaged and who looked very ill, said the take-off was "a little below average level," but he attributed this to the hot weather and the variable wind.

"The machine was a little slow to climb," he said. "When about 500ft. up, there was a distinct difference in the flying. At about 700ft. I pushed the nose down to maintain my height. The machine began to sink very rapidly. I put on a little more engine, but this had very little effect, and the machine still continued to sink."

"I could see that a safe landing was practically impossible, and the machine was still sinking. I saw many high trees and houses. I put on full throttle, and the machine began to pick up, and to hold and maintain height for a minute or two. Then the engine seemed to lose power, and the machine began to sink again."

Mistake Denied.

"The only chance I had was to land in some small allotments. I eased the control forward and the machine fell into an angle of 45 degrees and we struck the ground like that."

Mr. Paull: I do not wish to make an attack upon you, but did you not make an error of judgment?—No.

(Asked if he had looked to see what was his air speed, Capt. Spafford replied, "I looked at thousands of things in that frightful five minutes."

The jury returned verdicts of Accidental Death, and added a rider that in their view the practice of allowing employees of Imperial Airways to go up as passengers on test flights should be stopped.

Mr. Paull said that Imperial Airways would discontinue that practice.

In six points, all admitted, the books were got rid of, and the case was fought on the facts.

Born in Worcestershire in 1861, Mr. Matthews was educated at Worcester Cathedral School, and afterwards practised as a solicitor for 11 years. In 1905 he was made a sheriff of Worcester, and a year later was called to the Bar of the Middle Temple, when he joined the Oxford Circuit.

In 1912 he was appointed Recorder of Tewkesbury, holding that position until 1923, when he was appointed Recorder of Dudley.

He was the holder of the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal.

NOT LONG TO LIVE.

BUTLER'S EXCUSE FOR ALLEGED THEFT.

Before Mr. Spadbach at Westminster, Sydney Beacom, aged 96, pleaded guilty to stealing jewellery worth £850 from Mrs. Alexander Blake Shakespeare, of 25, Pont-street, Chelsea, S.W. Beacom, who was discharged from the Army last May, had been in Mrs. Shakespeare's service as a butler only five days when he absconded with the jewellery.

A month afterwards he gave himself up to the police. He told Detective Warner that he was tempted, as he was discharged from the Army without a pension and was suffering from Bright's disease. He thought he had not long to live.

Detective-Sergeant Grace said Beacom obtained the situation through a servant's agency. His Army service, mainly in India, had been good.

Beacom, he said, had declined to disclose the name of the person who received the jewellery. There was no prospect of getting it back.

Mr. Sandbach said he would defer his decision until he had a medical report.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

August 28th, 1928.	
A.K. Banks	\$1,280, buy, 1,290 sa.
Do.	\$1,280 nom.
Chartered Bank	\$211 buy.
Mercantile Bank	\$238 nom.
Do.	\$241 nom.
P. & O. Bank	\$22 nom.
East Asia Bank	\$77 buy.
Canton Insurance	\$65 buy.
Union Insurance	\$37 buy.
North China Ins.	\$118, 148 buy.
Anglo Siam Insurance	\$40 nom.
China Underwriters	\$255 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$50 buy.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	\$80 buy.
Douglas	\$38 nom.
H.K. Steamboat	\$28 buy.
H.K. Tugs	\$3 nom.
Indo-China (Prof.)	\$37 buy.
Do.	\$72 buy.
Shall Transport	\$107 buy.
Waterworks	\$204 buy.
Benguet	\$218 buy.
Kailash Mining	\$50 nom.
Langkate (combined)	\$11 sel.
Do.	\$11 sel.
S'hai. Explorations	\$12, 45 nom.
Shanghai Loans	\$14 nom.
Rancho	\$438 nom.
Tramway	\$178 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$137 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$37 nom.
China Provident	\$50 buy, 54 sa.
Hongkong	\$150 nom.
New Shanghai	\$100 nom.
Shanghai Loans	\$100 nom.
Ewo Cottons	\$8 buy.
Oriental Cottons	\$240 buy.
S'hai. Cottons (old)	\$11 nom.
Do.	\$27 nom.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$270 sel.
H.K. Lands	\$64 sel.
Shanghai Lands	\$128 buy.
Empire Trust	\$14 buy.
H.K. Tramways	\$71 buy.
Peak Tram (old)	\$13 buy.
Do.	\$13 sel.
Star Lines	\$44 nom.
China Lights (old)	\$12, 16 buy, 12 sa.
Do.	\$11, 50 buy.
Do. (1928 issue)	\$11, 55 buy.
H.K. Electric (old)	\$50 buy, 48 sa.
Do.	\$48 buy, 48 sa.
Maan Electric	\$24 buy.
Telephone	\$250 buy.
China House	\$11 buy.
Singapore Tractors	\$11, 6 buy, 12 sa.
Do.	\$17, 6 buy.
China Sugars	\$3 sel.
Maan Sugars	\$17 buy.
Canton Ice	\$3 sel.
Cement (combined)	\$19 buy, 940 sel.
Do.	\$3 sel.
H.K. Paper (old)	\$43 nom.
Do.	\$43 nom.
United Asbestos	\$5 sel.
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Watsons	\$14 buy.
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Lans Crawfords	\$2 nom.
Macintosh	\$20 nom.
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H.K. Securities	\$250 buy.
H.K. Construction	\$15 buy.
H.K. Indus. G.Bonds	\$4 buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	\$6 prem. buy.
buy—buyers; sel—sellers; sa—sales; nom.—nominal.	

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUPEY, August 28th.	
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New York	4.83
Brussels	34.90
Geneva	25.20
Amsterdam	12.105
Milan	22.32
Berlin	20.32
Stockholm	18.13
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.19
Vienna	34.425
Prague	104
Helsingfors	192
Madrid	29.195
Lisbon	27/32
Athens	374
Rio	5.29/32
Bucharest	794
Buenos Aires	47.13/32
Sambay	1/5.31/32
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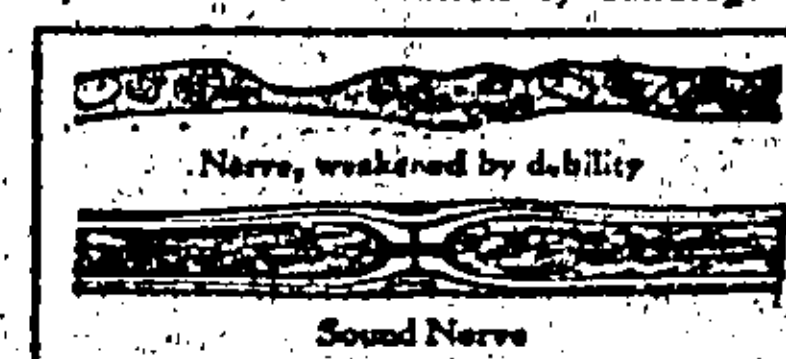
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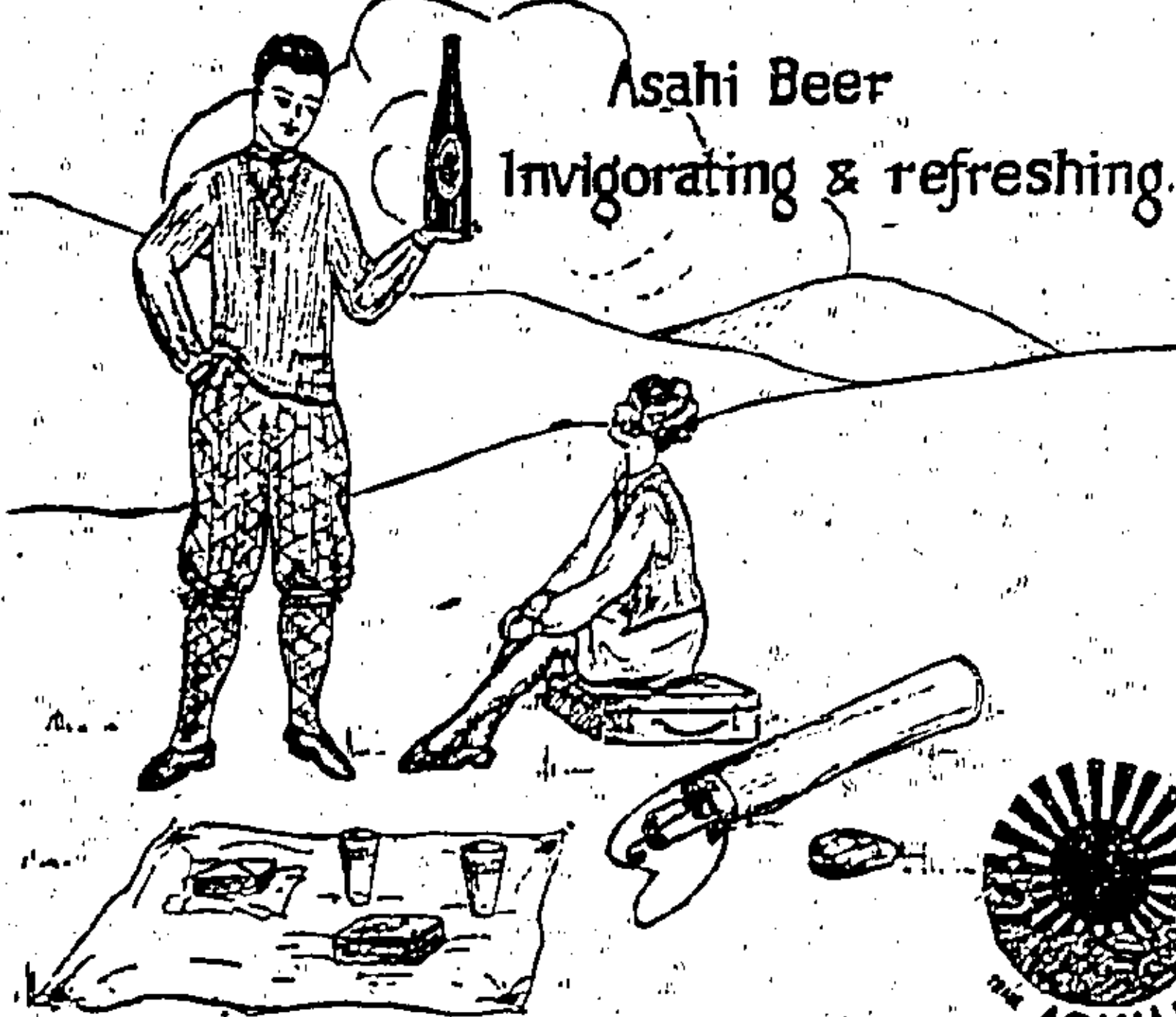
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SCHEME FOR THE RESCUCITATION OF SHIPPING
COMPANY.

National Communications
Conference.

NANKING, August 15th.

Yesterday's Committee meetings of the National Communications Conference approved for adoption a comprehensive scheme for a fundamental reorganization with a view to improving the service and accelerating the development of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company submitted by Mr. Chao Te Chiao, Director-General of the Company. Mr. Chao's proposal was favourably discussed by Conference members, even before it was referred to the Committee on Navigation of which Mr. Yu Ya Ching is Chairman. Other important proposals approved are those calling for immediate commencement of construction for the completion of the Canton-Hankow, the Lung-Hai, and the Hangchow-Ningpo Railways as well as the construction of a new iron bridge across the Yellow River on the Peiping-Hankow Railway.

Shipping Development.

Mr. Chao's memorandum pleads for a thorough reorganization of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company. The mismanagement by certain members of the Company's former Board of Directors, and the financial difficulties which have always confronted the Company in the past, are dealt with at length. To encourage foreign financial co-operation (and I may say that there have been many inquiries from foreign sources,) states Mr. Chao, it has been decided to discard the old steamers which are more of a financial burden than an asset to the Company, to regain our navigation rights and extend our shipping routes and to enable all grades of the Company's employees to devote their entire attention to their work, it is imperative that the Company be thoroughly reorganized along modern business lines.

But before any attempt at reorganization, Mr. Chao is of the opinion that the nature and character of the Company should first be determined and recommended that it be placed under Government management with a Supervisory Board which shall include Directors chosen by the shareholders.

The proposal recommends that attention be first devoted to improvements in the operation of the steamers, accounting and auditing, advertising, preparation of budget, curtailment of expenditure, elimination of various corrupt practices and "squeeze," revision of the regulations governing the management of the Company's wharves and a thorough investigation and revaluation of the Company's real property.

Further development should aim at the consolidation and introduction of better transportation facilities for the convenience of the public. This will involve the issue of profit-sharing bonds at low interest, co-operative service with the various Government Railways, purchase of new steamers to replace the obsolete ones, training of a staff of experts for permanent service with the Company, and the opening of new coastal routes.

The final phase of the Company's expansion, according to the scheme, will include an extensive inland river navigation service, an inter-oceanic service, and the erection of ship-yards.

Railways To Be Completed.

The Committee on National Highways and Railroads likewise adopted several important proposals substantially as submitted. The following is a summary of the proposals:

1. To complete the Canton-Hankow Railway: Construction to start with the Chubow-Hengchow (Hunan) section. To meet the cost of construction, the proposal recommends that one or more of the following four methods may be resorted to: (a) to utilize part of the Boxer Indemnity refund from Great Britain; (b) to float a foreign or domestic loan as the authorities see fit; (c) to appropriate a portion of monthly revenues from the Peiping-Hankow, the Tientsin-Pukow, the Peiping-Mukden, and the Peiping-Suiyuan Railways; and (d) to instruct the Provincial Governments of Hupeh, Hunan, Kwangtung and Kwangsi through which the entire Railway traverses, to provide funds for the cost of construction of the unfinished section.

2. To complete the Lung-Hai Railway: Construction to start with the Lingpao-Tungwan section, for which the promised forty per cent. of the Boxer Indemnity refund from Belgium will be sufficient. As regards the remaining section from Tungwan to Lanchow, the proposal states that other suitable means can be devised when the time arrives for its construction.

3. To complete the Hangchow-Ningpo Railway: Funds should be appropriated from the revenue of the Shanghai-Hangchow Line.

4. To build a new iron-bridge across the Yellow River on the Peiping-Hankow Railway about one mile above the old Bridge: Funds to be arranged by the Railway Administration.

Two other proposals approved by the Committee recommend the planning for the construction of two trunk roads, one connecting Chekiang with Kiangsi, and the other connecting Szechuan and Hupeh.—Kuo Min News Agency.

CECILIA HANSEN.

VIOLIN RECITAL IN
THEATRE ROYAL.

A MAGNIFICENT RECEPTION.

Miss Cecilia Hansen is acclaimed as being the greatest woman violinist, and has even been called the "Woman Kreisler." Her first appearance in Hong Kong last night seems to justify these titles in some measure; her recital ended in a storm of applause such as is seldom heard in the Theatre Royal, and she was not allowed to leave the stage until she had granted two encores.

But the question must inevitably arise how does this woman violinist compare with the acknowledged masters of the bow? We have had in Hong Kong the privilege of hearing within the last 12 months Jasch Heifetz, who may certainly be placed second only to Kreisler, and is by some critics considered as great; and Jacques Thibaud, the virtuoso of the French school. Miss Hansen's art cannot be likened to that of either these two and in a comparison it seems to come after theirs. Thibaud is a far more finished performer with his exquisite technique, while the fire of Heifetz playing is that of genius, and youth. Compare for example the dance music of Thibaud and that of Cecilia Hansen. He plays such music as sets you dancing, but the Hungarian Dance of Brahms as Miss Hansen rendered it was the impression of the dance itself, with its hurry, its intoxication, its rhythm and the beat of both hearts and music.

That would seem to be the keynote of her art. She plays always emotionally. In the "Concerto in D Major" of Tschakowsky she seemed to tear the universe to pieces, to play on every string of human emotion, and the finale left the audience nearly as exhausted as the artist, and with the feeling that they had lived a life time in fifteen minutes.

Like all emotional musicians Miss Hansen needs the inspiration of her own art. She started in a hesitating and half angry manner, and then as the music began to grip her, her notes became firmer and more exultant, and before Vitali's "Ciaccona" had got very far the whole audience was held in a spell which lasted all through the recital.

Perhaps the most charming items of the programme were Poldini's "Poupée Valsante" which Miss Hansen played with a gay spirituality, strikingly different from her rendering of the Tschakowsky Concerto; and the first encore which again was in a light key.

Cecilia Hansen's technique cannot be described as "feminine," indeed she has a trick of over emphasis which at times comes very near jarring, but it is essentially not the technique of a man. She shows her Russian blood in her force vigorous interpretation, and in the colour which she seems to infuse into her music. The curious mixture of tenderness and force which distinguishes her art is quite unusual and extraordinarily moving.

Miss Hansen was accompanied with great skill by Mr. Boris Zakharoff who will also play the accompaniments at the second recital to be given to-morrow in the Theatre Royal at 9.15 p.m.

The programme of last night's concert was as follows:—

- 1.—Ciaccona..... Vitali.
- 2.—Concerto-D Major..... Tschakowsky.
- 3.—Allegro Moderato, Canzonetta, Allegro Vivacissimo.
- 4.—La Follia..... Corelli-Kreisler.
- 5.—(a) Recitativo and Scherzo, for Violin only..... Kreisler.
- 6.—Hungarian Dance..... Brahms.
- 7.—Poupée Valsante..... Poldini.
- 8.—Rondo des Lutins..... Bazzini.

MOTOR-CARS IN COLLISION
NEAR GENEVA.

SON OF CHINESE MINISTER
TO PARIS INJURED.

GENEVA, August 2nd.
Three English tourists were seriously injured in a terrible motor accident near Geneva on the road from Vesnaz to Mont d'Aligre early this afternoon.

The accident appears to have been due to one car trying to pass a number of vehicles and coming in collision with another car which was approaching rapidly from the opposite direction. The shock of the impact was so great that both cars were completely wrecked.

The driver of the first car, Mr. Stanley Hooke, a British subject, aged 58, his wife, and a young English lady, Miss Catherine Mackay, who was staying with them, were all seriously injured. They have been taken to hospital. The driver of the other car was a Chinese student, Mr. Juteo Cheng, the son of the Chinese Minister in Paris. He received injuries through splinters of broken glass.

MR. JAMES H. LOGAN DEAD.

THE MAN WHO PRODUCED
THE LOGANBERRY.

Mr. James H. Logan, who gained world-wide fame by producing the loganberry, has died at Oakland, California, at the age of 86. He was formerly a Superior Judge in Santa Cruz as well as District Attorney there.

The noted blackberry and raspberry hybrid which was named after Logan was presented to the University of California by him "for the benefit of the people of the nation." Loganberry culture is now a major industry in many parts of the United States, notably Oregon, and the berry is largely grown in Great Britain and many other countries.

The Telephone Girl.

Herbert Brenon, who directed "Beau Geste," and "Peter Pan" has turned his mind to political drama in his latest picture, "The Telephone Girl," which is showing at the Star to-day until Saturday. The story is one of mystery and intrigue, and of a bitter war between two men who are candidates in the election for governorship. On the eve of the election, the unscrupulous faction unearths a scandal in the life of the rival candidate. All the evidence is complete except for the name of the woman in the case. "The Telephone Girl," played by charming Madge Bellamy, learns this vital secret, and it is how she turns her knowledge to the advantage of the man she loves that gives an exciting finish to a strange series of events.

CINEMA NEWS.

STEAMBOAT BILL, JR.

A REAL MIMI.

Buster Keaton's new picture, "Steamboat Bill, Jr.," will be shown at the Queen's to-day until Saturday. The frozen faced comedian of "College," "The General," and "Go West," is the mollycoddle son of a burly Mississippi River boat captain. Bill, Jr., gets into all sorts of scrapes and then caps things by falling in love with the daughter of a rival captain. How he wins the girl of his heart and effects a number of rescues during a terrific tornado carries the story from one laugh to another. Ernest Torrence, usually seen as a villain, appears as Bill, Jr., in his first comedy picture for some time. Marion Byron is the charming leading lady and there is a large cast of supporting players.

La Bohème.

"La Bohème" is showing at the World to-day till Saturday. Lillian Gish plays "Mimi" and is well supported by John Gilbert as "Rene." "La Bohème" portrays Miss Gish, who does not merely act Mimi, she is Mimi! Her delicate romance, her faith and her wonderful love for her poet are depicted with surprising skill. The settings of the big picture are in keeping with the theme, reproductions of the quaint old streets of the Latin Quarter having been specially reconstructed. "La Bohème," which has already been screened at the Queen's Theatre, is a notable picture and its return will give general pleasure.

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ROUND THE POLICE COURTS.

SHAUKIWAN GAMBLING PROSECUTION FAILS.

AT CENTRAL MAGISTRACY.

Twenty-five Chinese from Shauiwan, including a woman who is the principal tenant of the floor on which they were arrested, were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday with contravening the Gambling Ordinance.

A Chinese detective stated in evidence that when he entered the floor he saw ten men gathered round a table and playing *tien kuu*, "Celestial Dog," and he described the values of the various hands exposed. Later witness said that only four hands were exposed, and he then had his attention drawn to his previous statement in which he said ten men were playing.

Remarking that the evidence was unsatisfactory, his Worship discharged all the defendants.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton represented a number of the defendants.

UNSTAMPED RECEIPTS.

A receipt book of the Lock Sin Restaurant, of Possession Street, was produced as an exhibit in a case under the Ordinance requiring stamps to be affixed on receipt of all payments over a certain sum. According to Chinese custom, when money is paid out the receipt affixes a receipt stamp in the firm's book for each payment instead of giving a separate receipt. An inspection of the book by the police showed several instances in which receipt stamps had not been affixed.

The defendants were fined \$10 each.

ALLEGED EARRING SNATCHER.

A Chinese coolie was brought before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning for snatching a gold earring from a Chinese woman. The case had to be remanded as the defendant said that he wished to call a witness on his behalf.

The police informed his Worship that they had had a great deal of trouble in arresting the defendant who after snatching the earring ran away. The complainant pursued him and later found him standing by a fruit stall. The woman struck at him with her umbrella and the defendant flung a board at her which struck her on the head knocking her unconscious. It was only after a long chase that the police arrested the man.

MOSQUITOES ON THE PEAK.

A Chinese contractor named Lam Dore was fined \$50 by Mr. R. E. Lindsell for maintaining a bamboo scaffolding in which cavities were exposed capable of containing water where mosquitoes would be likely to breed. Sanitary Inspector A. G. Martin prosecuted and informed his Worship that the scaffolding was erected on the site of Sir Robert Ho Tung's new house at Mount Kellet. The defendants were warned on several occasions but paid no heed. No less than seven samples of larvae were taken from the site.

The defendant pleaded guilty.

AT KOWLOON MAGISTRACY.

STOLEN ROPE FOUND.

A case of interest to shipping companies in view of recent thefts from their vessels came for hearing before Mr. W. Schofield. A road made by the police on the Tak On Marine Store dealers was mentioned and an application was made for an order to return to the rightful owners the following property:—140 fathoms of Manila rope to Messrs. Butterfield and Swire; 92 fathoms to Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., and 207 fathoms to the Java China Japan Lijp.

Mr. A. H. Naismith, chief officer of the s.s. *Xa Ping*, appeared in Court, to represent Messrs. Butterfield and Swire; Capt. D. Skinner, assistant marine superintendent on behalf of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., and Mr. A. Y. Ramond for the J.C.I.L. Sergeant Fowle said that the rope was stolen from vessels belonging to the Companies and the rope found at the shop tallied with the samples held by the police. One man was taken into custody, but was subsequently discharged. His Worship made the necessary order.

LOTTERY TICKETS.

For being in possession of 31 lottery tickets at No. 41, Tai Nam Street, Shumshui, a Chinese woman was fined \$50, with the alternative of six weeks' hard labour, by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy.

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LIFE SAVING EXAMINATION RESULTS.

AWARD OF MERIT (SILVER MEDAL) RECOMMENDATIONS.

TWELVE CANDIDATES ALL PASS.

An examination for the Award of Merit (Silver Medal) of the Royal Life Saving Society was held at Lygon on Tuesday. The candidates were men of the 13th Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, who had previously qualified for the Society's Proficiency Certificate and Bronze Medal. The Award of Merit is a much more difficult test than the previous certificates, and the Society only grants it to really strong and competent swimmers.

There are six parts to the examination, and a candidate must obtain a pass in each part. A rest of one minute only is permitted between the various parts. The tests are:

- (a.) To swim to a patient fully clothed and tow him at least twenty yards.
- (b.) To swim continuously six hundred yards fully clothed by three different strokes: (i.) two hundred yards breast stroke; (ii.) two hundred yards back stroke; (iii.) two hundred yards free style.
- (c.) To undress on the surface of the water.
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- (e.) To dive neatly from two heights.
- (f.) To perform three scientific or fancy swimming movements, of which the Society has a recognised list.

All Candidates Succeeded. Twelve candidates were presented for the examination and all succeeded in obtaining the necessary marks, ten points being the maximum for each stroke, dive or movement. A candidate failing to obtain five points in any part is deemed to have failed the whole examination. The Society is very particular about granting this award, and reserves the right to refuse to give it unless they are completely satisfied that the candidate deserves it.

The following names have been forwarded to the Chief Executive of the Society in London for approval and confirmation:—Gnr. G. W. Avis, Gnr. P. French, L/Bdr. W. J. Pratt, Gnr. R. Manders, Gnr. J. A. Full, L/Bdr. C. C. Clark, L/Bdr. F. McGee, L/Bdr. F. Taylor, Gnr. T. Hallstone, Trumpeter W. E. Adams, Gnr. H. Say, and Gnr. H. Herman.

The candidates wore full uniform less boots, i.e. fully buttoned tunic, slacks, shirt, socks and belt.

THREE CHICKENS ON A STRING.

For cruelty to three chickens, which consisted of tying their wings together with a piece of string and holding them dangling by the said string a Chinese was fined \$5 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy.

Another man who had four ducks in a crate which was too small was fined \$4.

A visitor to the Court who forgot to take his hat off was fined \$1 for contempt of Court.

LAI CHI KOK MATHSED OWNER FINED.

A Lai Chi Kok matabed owner was fined \$50 by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy for extending his shed and trespassing on Crown Land. Mr. G. J. Chambers of the P.V.D. Land Office explained that the defendants had received a permit to build on a portion of the beach but in the absence of the owner the shed was extended. Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared for the defence.

LAUNCH COOK SENT TO GAOL.

The Chinese cook employed on the steam launch *Stanley* pleaded guilty to theft of nine woollen blankets.

The articles were stated to have been extracted from a drawer and to have been pawned in five different shops. In the case of two of the pawnbrokers, his Worship held that they had not used sufficient caution in accepting such articles and ordered them to release the articles without payment.

The defendant was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

SACK THIEF CONVICTED.

A Chinese who was found sorting a number of sacks early yesterday morning in a lane near No. 622, Nathan Road, failed to give a satisfactory explanation to a constable who questioned him and he was taken to the police station. On appearing later before the Magistrate he pleaded guilty to a charge of theft.

According to the police, the sacks were stolen from a vacant piece of land at the junction of Pitt Street and Nathan Road where the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Company are erecting a new building. Defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

A MONEYLENDER'S CLAIM.

SHARP PASSAGES BETWEEN SOLICITORS.

DEFENCE OF "FRAUDULENT CLAIM"?

A very unusual application was made to Mr. Justice P. Jackson, at the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, when Mr. J. M. Remedios asked his Lordship to allow a witness to be called later in the proceedings to remain in the Court before being summoned to the box.

The application arose out of an action taken by an Indian moneylender, named Sundagat Singh, against J. S. Landolt, described as an employee of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., for the recovery of \$440 being balance of the sum of \$640 lent to the defendant on November 3rd, 1924.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. J. M. Remedios was for the defendant. Before Mr. Russ opened his case, Mr. Remedios made the application already mentioned. Mr. Remedios admitted that the application was a very unusual one, but he did not think that Mr. Russ would object to it, because the witness and the defendant, Landolt, both claimed to be liable on the note at one time. His Lordship would also see from the note that originally the word "we" was written, and which was later altered to "I" only. It, however, bore the signature of the defendant only.

Mr. Russ Objects.

Mr. Russ said that he would certainly object to such a procedure, especially as he did not know what the witness was going to say.

His Lordship refused Mr. Remedios's application saying that what the witness had to say would not be affected by his remaining out of Court while plaintiff was giving his evidence.

Opening his case, Mr. Russ said that on November 3rd, 1924, a promissory note for \$640 was signed by the defendant in favour of the plaintiff for money lent to him. Of course, the amount lent out was not so much as the promissory note called for, but that was done in accordance with the usual practice of moneylenders. A certain percentage of interest was also charged and this had been paid from time to time. Defendant had also paid various instalments, amounting to \$200, thus leaving a balance of \$440, the amount claimed. The plaintiff was also aware of the fact that the word "we" had been changed to "I" and he would tell the Court that that was done because the other man who was to sign the promissory note jointly, did not turn up in time to do so, and thus "we" was changed into "I".

Continuing, Mr. Russ said that he did not know what documents the defence would produce. He had applied for discovery, but nothing was discovered to him.

In Dramatic Mood.

Mr. Remedios, speaking with some heat told Mr. Russ to be more explicit, and declared that at no time did Mr. Russ apply for discovery, and that no order for discovery had been made by the Court. All that he could remember was that Mr. Russ had spoken to him about discovery and that he had told Mr. Russ that he could discover anything he liked. Appealing to his Lordship, Mr. Remedios said, "My Lord, this is most serious: Mr. Russ at no time applied to you for discovery and you, My Lord, have made no such order. If you had, and I had ignored it, that would amount to contempt of Court, and I should be liable to arrest."

Mr. Russ: My Lord, my friend is in a very dramatic humour this afternoon.

Mr. Remedios: I am, and I have been to be, My Lord, when one is dealing with Mr. Russ.

Mr. Russ then referred to his notes had found that he had made no application for discovery.

Paid Only 32.

Giving evidence, plaintiff said that the defendant was a clerk in the C.P.R. Office. He was first introduced to him and another man named Neves, also on the staff of the C.P.R., by a Chinese called Ah Young in 1924. Defendant borrowed \$440 from him on November 3rd, 1924, and had repaid \$200 by instalments. When the note was signed, the defendant wrote out the word "We," but after the note was signed, plaintiff requested him to cross out "we" and substitute "I." This the defendant did and also initialled the alterations. Plaintiff then produced his account book showing the various payments made by the defendant. He also said that subsequent to this loan of \$440, he had also lent \$100 on the joint signature of defendant and Mr. Neves. This amount had been repaid and he had lost the note.

Speaking of the instalments paid by the defendant, Landolt, plaintiff said that he invariably called on the defendant about the first or second of the month. Sometimes he was paid and sometimes not. In January this year, defendant only paid him \$2.

His Lordship remarked that from the figures in plaintiff's book it appeared that defendant had repaid \$424.

Mr. Russ said that that did not represent capital. Interest had to be deducted and if this was done, it would show that the actual amount on the capital repaid was \$200.

What Would The Defence Be?

His Honour referred to the promissory note and pointed out to Mr. Russ that interest was not mentioned. It only said that defendant had borrowed \$640, which was to be repaid by eight monthly instalments of \$80 a month. Mr. Russ said that he would leave that point for the defence to bring out in cross-examination.

Before opening his cross-examination, Mr. Remedios said that he would have to withhold his cross-examination in so far as the plaintiff's book was concerned. He had applied for discovery, and Mr. Russ had only discovered the promissory note to him. He had no knowledge of the existence of the book, though in the ordinary course, application for discovery meant that every document had to be discovered. He would have to examine the book first before cross-examining on that point, because probably his defence would be one of "fraudulent claim."

Mr. Russ remarked that if the defence was fraud, he should have been notified. It was specially laid down in Summary Jurisdiction that such defence would constitute a "special defence," and that the other side should be notified.

Mr. Remedios contended that he was not bound to notify. He cited the Moneylenders Act, and said that his Lordship has the right to go behind every circumstance of the case. After further argument on this point, his Lordship said that he had not the foggiest idea what the defence was going to be and, therefore, he could not make an order at this stage.

Signed Double The Amount.

Cross-examined by Mr. Remedios plaintiff said that he was introduced to the defendant in May, 1924, and within a few days he signed a joint note with a Mr. Neves for \$120, the amount actually lent being \$120 between them. The next transaction was in June when the defendant personally borrowed \$133 and signed for double that amount. He again borrowed \$200 in September, 1924, signing for \$400. He also signed as a guarantor for another man in May. On the May note, the defendant and Mr. Neves paid the money back at the rate of \$12 each every month.

Plaintiff agreed that that May note had been paid off and stated that he had received back \$75 on the June note. The note had been lost.

Easy To Say But No Proof.

Mr. Remedios: That is a very convenient explanation. I put it to you that Mr. Landolt borrowed no money from you in September! He borrowed \$200 from me.

That the only amount borrowed was in May and that that note was signed jointly by Mr. Landolt and Mr. Neves?—Well, it is very easy to say but there is no proof.

That that promissory note was not returned after being discharged by the defendant?—Yes, some notes were lost. Not only that one but others.

Mr. Remedios asked his Lordship to note that answer, saying that it would have a very big bearing on the case afterwards.

In reply to his Lordship Mr. Remedios said his object was to satisfy his Lordship that previous to the signing of the note, all notes which were outstanding were cancelled by the particular note for \$640. He pointed out that the note was written in the plural but was signed by only one person, Mr. Landolt. There would also be evidence to show that the word "Us" would bring in another man, who was an office companion of the defendant. They arranged for a loan of \$400 for which they signed for \$800 payable in monthly instalments of \$80 a month. That was in August, September and October instalments were paid, leaving \$640. On November 1st the plaintiff reported the note as lost and said he had made a report to the police to that effect. In view of that loss Mr. Landolt gave a new note which he himself signed and then asked his office companion to sign. The other man, however, refused to sign unless a letter of indemnity was given by plaintiff. This was agreed to by the plaintiff.

At this stage, his Lordship made an order for mutual discovery and adjourned the case until September 6th.



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A WANDERING BUGATTI CAR.

STORY OF ITS CHANGE OF OWNERS.

A CHINESE WOMAN'S CLAIMS.

The story of a Bugatti motor car, valued at \$8,000, and how it went up to Canton and was passed from one person to another was told in the Supreme Court yesterday before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, when She Lai See, a Chinese married woman of No. 148, Kowloon Tong, claimed against Mr. G. Jorio, motor mechanic of 67A and 67B, Des Voeux Road Central, for the return of the car or a sum equivalent to its value.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. J. M. Remedios appeared for the claimant. The defendant was not present, neither was he legally represented. The case was therefore heard *ex parte*.

It appeared that the plaintiff had lent \$10,000 to her brother-in-law, Mr. Lam Tak Ming, of 55, Woon-neichong Road, in February 1922. On being asked for repayment of the sum, Mr. Lam gave her \$2,000 and the Bugatti motor car, costing \$8,000, as the balance of the debt.

She accepted and handed back the promissory note to Lam Tak Ming, who in turn gave her a receipt for the car. The plaintiff thus came into possession of the car and from April 11th until April 22nd, the vehicle was kept at a Kowloon Tong garage. She never used the car, and later it was sent to Canton for Mr. Lam to sell it to another party. It appeared that Mr. Lam was unable to sell it and the Bugatti then came into the possession of Mr. Borandi Czer, Canton, who held it for some time. The car was then sent back to Hong Kong to the defendant and has since been kept at Marble Hall, Kowloon.

Plaintiff's husband called on the defendant and asked for delivery of the car. Defendant told him that he could not deliver it until he had the authority of Mr. Borandi Czer, to whom it appeared, that Mr. Lam owed \$1,000.

Counsel went on to say that a date was fixed for delivery, and the car was to have been handed over on June 23rd, but when plaintiff's husband called on the defendant and tendered storage charges, defendant told him that he could not deliver the car because Mr. Czer had told him to hold it until the \$1,000 owing by Mr. Lam was paid.

Service of the writ was then proved, but his Lordship pointed out that it would be necessary also to prove service of claim and notice of trial.

On the application of Mr. d'Almada, the case was adjourned for this to be done.

PITY THE POOR STUDENTS!**HARD ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS.****PLIGHT OF CANTON'S BLUE STOCKINGS.****HARD-HEARTED EDUCATION COMMISSIONER.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, August 29th.

The students in Canton, especially the woman students, are in a deplorable condition. They are finding it very hard indeed to get into schools of recognized standing and are being forced to attend the numerous private schools, most of whose educational facilities are of a doubtful quality. Thousands of students have failed to pass the entrance examination for the Sun Yat Sen University and Lingnan University for example. As already reported in these columns out of the 1,034 students who took the entrance examinations of Sun Yat Sen University only 30 or so qualified and were admitted as regular students. Mr. Ko Koon Ting, executive secretary of Lingnan University, told our representative that out of every ten students who took the entrance examinations at that institution only about one was able to pass the tests successfully. This shows the exceptionally low standard of knowledge among the students.

The net result is that thousands of students will have to go to the private schools where the standard of the incoming students is never taken into serious consideration. According to educational experts, this is deplorable. These thousands of students need a good, sound, yet financially cheap education. But they are apparently doomed to disappointment. Many of them cannot even enter the private schools on account of poverty.

A SECOND CHANCE.

The Sun Yat Sen University will, however, hold another set of entrance examinations for middle school graduates of their equivalents. These examinations will take place at the University on the 10th of September and will afford another chance to those who failed to make good last time. The University authorities are willing to lower their educational standard somewhat, if necessary, in order to admit more students. But it must be explicitly understood, they said, that such students will be put on the probation list for one term. If they fail to pull up to standard set by the University, they will be sent away at the end of that time.

THE WOMEN.

The women students in Canton are in an even more deplorable state. There are, according to the Department of Education, over one thousand middle school women students in the city. With the abrupt ending of co-education in the middle schools these students are at a loss where to go. It will be remembered that Mr. Wong Tsai, the Commissioner of Education, is a conservative type of scholar and has always been against co-education in the middle schools. This policy is supported both by Nanking and by the great majority of the teachers throughout the Province and this was borne out during the recent Provincial Educational Conference. The Commissioner foresaw that with the abolition of co-education a provincial middle school exclusively for women was necessary. He therefore converted the buildings of the Provincial Athletic Association into such a school. But this does not solve the problem, as the maximum capacity is only about three hundred.

SCHOOL AMID LONELY GRAVES.

The Tsap Sun Middle School for girls, a semi-public institution in the north eastern outskirts of Canton, can take in a few hundred. But the great majority of the girl students cannot afford to go there. Most of the girl students in Canton lived at home with their parents when co-education was still the custom. Under the segregation of the sexes scheme they would have to travel a long way and would have to sleep in dormitories. (Continued on next column.)

THE RETURNING LEADERS.**CANTON'S DESIRE TO RE-EMPLOY THEM.****LI TSAI HSIN AGAIN DELAYED?**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, August 29th.

At the time of writing practically every official of note is now in Hong Kong to welcome Messrs. Hu, Han Min, and Hsu Chung Chi. Mr. Chow Lu who was supposed to have come with the party did not arrive in Hong Kong. The Canton authorities are most eager to have these veteran members of the Kuomintang back in Canton where a rousing welcome is waiting them, but they have so far not arrived here yet. (It will be remembered that the whole party has gone on to Shanghai.)

As to the return of Marshal Li Tsai Hsin and his party, nothing definitely is known. The Marshal is still in the vicinity of the Mo Koon Mountain in Hangchow. According to the Headquarters of the 8th Military Route, Mrs. Li is sick and most likely he will stay in Hangchow until his wife has recovered before starting home. His closest colleagues are of the opinion that he may have to make another trip to Nanking to confer with the Nationalist Government on Military Affairs. If he does go to the capital he will not be able to get to Canton until the early part of the next month.

The Canton authorities are most eager to have Mr. Hu Han Min and Mr. Hsu Chung Chi again in charge of the Civil and Military Affairs of the province respectively. This is reported to have had the consent of Marshal Li Tsai Hsin. But whether or not these two notables will serve their native province remains to be seen.

CANTON NEWSPAPER PUNISHED.**CRITICISED CHIANG KAI SHEK.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, August 29th.

The *Fan Ching Pu*, a Canton vernacular daily newspaper, has been ordered by the Canton Branch Political Council to suspend publication for three consecutive days for printing an editorial entitled: "Why I am dissatisfied with Chiang Kai Shek." The article was calculated to excite discord and dissent among the rank and file of the Nationalists. It criticised the recent actions of Marshal Chiang Kai Shek and was deemed by the Canton authorities to be detrimental to the welfare of the country at large. What every one should do in this period of political tutelage, the high local authorities assert, is to forget his past political differences and co-operate with the "big minds" of the country who are now at the helm of the ship of state. "This three-day suspension of publication of the newspaper in question should be a signal warning for all those who would embark on such a course of provocative action." The order of the Political Council was issued in the name of Marshal Li Tsai Hsin to the Canton Police Commissioner, who will see that it is carried out.

All this, coupled with the high tuition fees charged by the Tsap Sun Middle School for Girls, mean expenses which are far beyond the incomes of their parents. Moreover, many parents do not want their daughters to go to the School as it is situated among the lonely graves a long way from the city. If any political upheaval occurs, they would have the most trying time in getting to safety. This was the case during the Communist holocaust on December 11th last when the School was occupied and used as headquarters by the outlaws.

Because of these difficulties the girl students of the Chungshan Middle and Normal Schools, which are affiliated with Sun Yat Sen University, have petitioned the University authorities to let them remain where they were. They suggested separate classrooms for them in the same institution as the boys and maintained that this would be tantamount to separate education as advocated by the scholarly Wong Tsai. They said that unless this could be granted, many of them would be forced to give up their education altogether. The University authorities, however, have as yet made no reply to their former woman students.

EGREGIOUS BOYCOTT COMMITTEE.**BULLYING CANTON MERCHANTS.****BIG SEIZURES OF GOODS.**

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, August 29th.

The pickets of the Committee on the Severance of Economic Relations with Japan have been very busy of late and large quantities of Japanese goods have been seized. Last week the following Japanese goods were confiscated principally from shops on the Bund and brought to the Headquarters of the Committee where they will most probably be sold: 15 cases of Rooster Brand matches, 2 boxes of abalones, 2 sacks of shark's fins, 2 large boxes of shrimps weighing over 600 catties; 1 case of metal cigarette cases, about 100 in all; several boxes of coloured cloths weighing over 200 catties, 10 sacks of refined sugar, about ten boxes of artificial fertilizers, 2 cases of electric supplies; several cases of iron nails and hardware, and a quantity of woollen cloths for making overcoats, etc.

In addition to these which have been proved to be of Japanese origin there were other seizures of goods whose exact nature has as yet not been determined. The Committee, however, is rapidly "examining" them. This second haul will most probably also be confiscated and sold, and the funds realized therefrom will be turned over to the "Funds for the Promotion of Native Industries." The pickets have been complaining that the merchants are "unpatriotic and selfish." They have been trying to smuggle Japanese goods into Canton even after the promulgation of the rules and regulations governing the boycott. The pickets declare that as long as the merchants continue to smuggle goods in, such goods will be seized and confiscated.

THE "SINGAPORE ONLOOKER."**FEATURES FAMILIAR TO HONG KONG.****"SERVICE AND TRUTH."**

One of our contributors has received from Singapore a copy of the first number of the *Onlooker*, printed and published for the "Observer Publishing Company" by Peter Chong & Company at 13, Raffles Place, Singapore. The cover contains a personal note of cheerful greeting signed L. E. H., initials which are not unknown in this Colony. Among the features is: "Blame Our Coxies. Some Undelivered Chits" and one of them is addressed to the Editor of a Hong Kong daily paper.

There is a competition: "Who is the most popular film star" for which a prize of \$50 is offered, and a \$20 prize is promised for constructing a crossword puzzle. A few editorial notes signed "Hamilton Leslie" include a notification which runs (exactly) as follows:

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ALTERATION OF ARTICLES.**HONG KONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO.****RESOLUTION CONFIRMED.**

At an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., held yesterday morning, the special resolution passed on August 13th was confirmed.

The text of the resolution is as follows: "That the regulations contained in the Printed Document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all the existing Articles thereof."

Those Present.

Those present were:—Mr. R. G. Shewan (Chairman), Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. J. H. Taggart, and Mr. A. H. White (Consulting Committee) and Mr. J. Coulthart (Secretary). Also the following shareholders:—Messrs. A. I. Shields, I. W. Shewan, H. Dreyer, J. Dick, W. Lawson, Allan Keith, J. Toppin, F. J. Tavares, C. H. Omond and A. A. Botelho.

The report of the proceedings of the previous meeting having been read and duly signed by the Chairman, he proposed the confirmation of the resolution which was seconded by Mr. J. H. Taggart and carried unanimously.

CIVIL SERVICE SALARIES.**A COMMISSION TO REPORT.****NO IMMEDIATE CONCESSIONS.**

The Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., has sent the following very courteous reply to Mr. Lo Kam Chak and other members of the Hong Kong Chinese Civil Servants' Club in answer to their petition which we published yesterday asking that the salaries of public servants engaged locally might be raised.

The Colonial Secretary points out that in 1924 allowances for house rent were made and a recent inquiry showed that conditions of Government service compared very favourably with those offered by private firms, when the many perquisites were considered.

A Commission is, however, to go into the whole question and until its report is received no change will be made in any established scale of pay though the Government is always willing to consider any individual case of hardship.

Recent Concessions.

The full text of the reply is as follows:—Gentlemen,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your petition of the 7th August, 1928, and to inform you that the question of the revision of salaries of subordinate officers has already received the careful consideration of this Government.

2.—Since the general revision of salaries in 1920 and 1921, the increased cost of living of locally domiciled officers has been recognised by the grant of rent allowances in 1924 to officers on the permanent staff with ten years continuous service and upwards. These allowances range from \$8 a month for salaries of \$450 a year to \$25 a month for salaries of \$3,000 a year and over.

In addition some 42 flats were rented by Government and are leased to Government servants of the Asiatic staff at rentals equivalent to 8 per cent. of the officers' salaries.

3.—Towards the end of 1927 the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce were consulted and careful enquiries were instituted for the purpose of comparing the rates of pay and conditions of service of officers of the Civil Service with those obtaining in local commercial houses, both Chinese and European, and of deciding whether the Government rates were adequate. As a result of these enquiries the Government is satisfied that taking into account the various factors of pension rights, medical attendance, housing and rent allowances, leave, etc., the conditions of Government service compare favourably with those obtaining elsewhere in the Colony; and the large number of applicants of high standard for Government posts strongly supports the view that the scales of salary are generally speaking adequate.

Seniority Versus Special Ability.

4.—It is stated in paragraph 7 of the petition that advancement is slow and that promotion generally is governed by length of service rather than by merit. The rate of promotion has recently been increased by the adoption of a programme which provides for an annually increasing number of posts in the higher grades of service. In selecting officers for promotion to higher posts the attempt is made to give due weight both to length of service and to special ability, and so far as possible only those officers will receive promotion who are considered suitable for the responsibilities attaching to the higher posts. But it must be remembered that the accelerated promotion of officers of special ability may at times involve the passing over for promotion of officers with long and faithful service and the task of selection therefore is a difficult one.

5.—The scheme of exchange allowances for officers on sterling rates of pay is a temporary expedient, pending the appointment of a Salaries Commission and is designed particularly to meet the extra cost of living of officers in the Colony resulting from the fall in the exchange value of the dollar since the fixing of the sterling salaries. This factor of exchange is one which does not operate to the same extent against local subordinate officers paid on a dollar basis.

Commission To Consider Revision.

6.—It is intended however that the Commission, whose appointment has been recommended to the Secretary of State, shall have the opportunity of considering salaries scales throughout the service. Pending the appointment and report of such Commission, the Government, though at all times willing to consider any individual case where hardship may be deemed to exist, is not prepared to undertake any general revision of the existing scales.

THE "SAN NAM HOI" OFFICERS.**PRESENTATION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.****"GALLANT CONDUCT OF MASTER AND CHIEF ENGINEER."**

An interesting ceremony took place yesterday afternoon at Government House. Captain W. H. Sparkes, the Master and Mr. M. F. Houghton, the Chief Engineer of the *San Nam Hoi*, which was pirated last January were presented by His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) with gifts of a silver tea service and a gold watch respectively in recognition of their gallant action in repelling the pirates.

Mrs. Southern was giving a tea party to a large number of guests to which Captain Sparkes and Mr. Houghton were invited, and the presentation was made in the banquetting Hall immediately following tea. The tea service which comprises a blackwood tray inlaid with silver and all the usual equipage was inscribed as follows:

To Captain W. H. Sparkes in recognition of his gallant action, in assisting to repel a piratical attack on the s.s. *San Nam Hoi* on January the 17th, 1923.

The gold watch presented to Mr. M. F. Houghton was similarly inscribed.

His Excellency's Speech.

In making the presentation His Excellency said:—Ladies and Gentlemen,—I have taken the opportunity of to-day's gathering and of the presence in Hong Kong of two very gallant gentlemen to perform in your presence a very pleasant duty.

You may remember that on the morning of the 17th January last the s.s. *San Nam Hoi* was attacked by pirates, travelling as passengers, near Kongmoon on the West River. The attack was made with the suddenness usual in such cases, and before any effective resistance was possible the pirates had shot and killed the Chief Officer, Mr. Harry Conway, and two Indian Guards, Sakun Dar and Murtara Khan, and had wounded two other Indian Guards. But the pirates met with unexpected resistance from Captain William Hugh Sparkes and Mr. Marcelus Francis Houghton, the Master and Chief Engineer respectively of the *San Nam Hoi*. Armed with their revolvers, Captain Sparkes and Mr. Houghton, at imminent risk to their lives, made a determined counter attack on the pirates, who numbered some 25 in all. The pirates maintained the contest for about 20 minutes and then, after an ineffectual attempt to set fire to the ship, seem to have thought discretion the better part of valour and jumped overboard in the hopes of making good their escape. The local authorities, however, were by this time on the alert, and with praiseworthy vigour arrested 15 of the pirates, six or seven having already been accounted for by rifle and revolver fire; 13 out of the 15 arrested are understood to have been subsequently executed.

The prompt action of Captain Sparkes and Mr. Houghton thus saved the ship and its crew and cargo from destruction and enabled a gang of dangerous pirates to be effectively disposed of.

Sympathy For The Fallen.

The Government desires to give public expression to its regret at the death of the Chief Officer and the two Indian Guards, and to its sympathy with their relatives. It has arranged to erect at public expense a memorial stone at Mr. Conway's grave and to supplement the provision made by the owners of the vessel for the dependants of Guards Sakun Dar and Murtara Khan.

The Government further desires to mark its appreciation of the gallant conduct of the Master and Chief Engineer by presenting this silver tea service to Captain Sparkes and this gold watch to Mr. Houghton with every good wish for their future prosperity and in the hope that their conduct may be an example and an inspiration to all ships' officers who sail in these dangerous waters.

The two officers of the *San Nam Hoi* were then presented with their gifts and shook hands with Mr. and Mrs. Southern amid continuous applause from all present.

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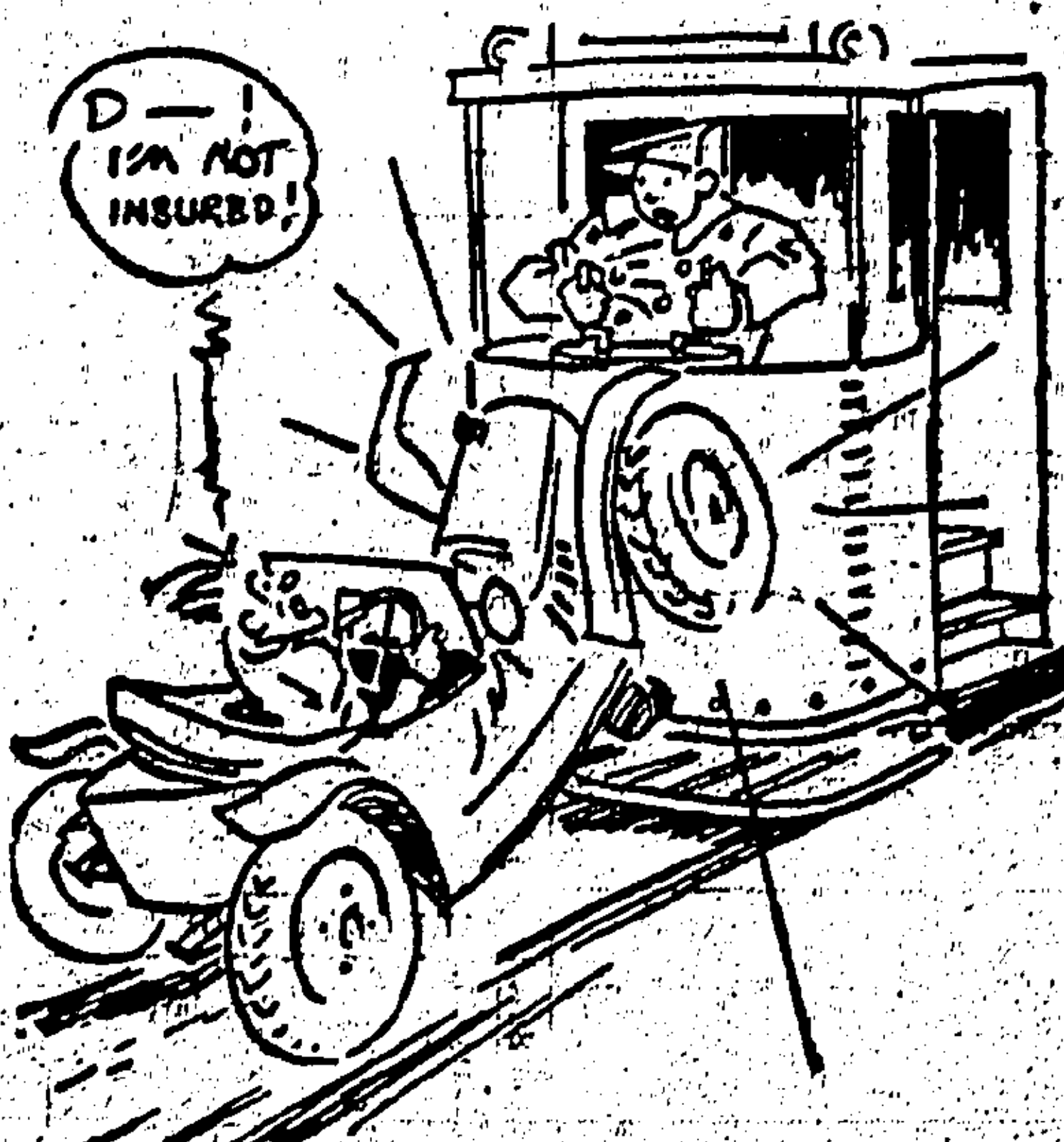
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NETHERLAND CONSULATE-GENERAL.

IN Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Birthday of His Majesty the QUEEN of the NETHERLANDS, the CONSUL GENERAL will be "At Home" at the CHANCERY, ASIA BUILDING, on FRIDAY, the 31st of AUGUST, Between 11 A.M. and Noon. [6664]

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

REMINDER.

THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS in connection with the New Articles of Association will be held at the Office of the Club, YORK BUILDING, TO-DAY, at 5.15 P.M.

B. O. BLAKE, Acting Secretary, Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, Hong Kong 30th Aug., 1928. [6653]

MID-LEVELS' RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at THE LADIES' RECREATION CLUB, PEAK ROAD (by kind permission), on THURSDAY, the 6th SEPTEMBER, 1928, at 6 P.M.

T. A. MARTIN, Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong, 29th Aug., 1928. [6662]

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By Order of the Board of Directors, C. G. CORLEY, Acting Secretary, Hong Kong, Aug. 28th, 1928. [6661]

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HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

THE 41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS will be held in the BOARD ROOM of Messrs. JAMES, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. (by kind permission) on FRIDAY, 31st AUGUST, 1928, at 5.30 P.M.

Business—Passing of Annual Report and Statement of Accounts. Election of Officers.

To consider any Business in the interest of the Club.

W. PRYDE, Acting Hon. Secretary. [6655]

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G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 3rd DAY of SEPTEMBER, 1928, at 3 P.M., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Shamshuipo in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1153	At Junction of On Yan Street and Tel Ho Street	ft. ft. ft. ft.	2,304	16	\$280
			As per sale plan			

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Kowloon Island Lot No. 2135	Prince Edward Road, Kowloon	ft. ft. ft. ft.	16,200	1,114	\$9,900
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Square Feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	New Kowloon Island Lot No. 1154	Junction of Chung Shan Road and Tel Ho Street	ft. ft. ft. ft.	6,912	48	\$9,900
			As per sale plan			

INTIMATIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received Instructions—To Sell By PUBLIC AUCTION, on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 11th, 12th and 13th SEPTEMBER, 1928, at H.M. NAVAL YARD, HONG KONG, AND AT KOWLOON NAVAL DEPOT, COMMENCING EACH DAY at 9.30 A.M. WITH AN INTERVAL FROM 12 NOON to 1.30 P.M.

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HONG KONG, AUGUST 30th, 1928.

GOVERNMENT SALARIES.

We believe that the Government should be a model employer. Its standards should be high, and perhaps even a little higher, than those maintained by private business firms. It should not exploit too severely the laws of supply and demand and grind the faces of the unfortunate merely because they are unfortunate. But this does not mean that it should act the part of the philanthropist and establish conditions of service with which other institutions, having to maintain a profit and loss account, could not possibly hope to compete. It must be remembered that the Government is the guardian of the public purse and that it is fatally easy to be generous with other people's money. Liberality in the individual is to be commended but the delightfully altruistic liberality of a government, which has a reaction detrimental to the community as a whole, is to be deprecated.

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it ought to be shown that these men are not as well off now as it was reasonably anticipated they would be when they joined the Service. If the concessions which have been granted to them during recent years have not been sufficient compensation for the unexpected rise in the cost of living it is only right that salaries should be adjusted to meet the deficiency. We regard Government employment as something in the nature of a contract. The starting salaries and various grades of promotion are all carefully scheduled and a man knows almost exactly to what height he may climb when he first sets foot upon the ladder. Civil service candidates do not present themselves for the entrance examinations because they imagine they will secure dazzling salaries; they play for safety and security all along the line and having obtained these advantages it is idle for them, after ten or fifteen years, to grumble at their remuneration and to point out that it is less than others are receiving in similar occupations outside of Government circles. We often hear the argument advanced that a brilliant man, say in the Treasury at Home, might easily make a fortune in the City and that consequently it is a scandal the Government should pay him a paltry £1,500 or £2,000 a year. It is no scandal at all. The Treasury official decided upon his career, well-knowing its rewards and its limitations. He can always leave it and try his luck elsewhere, but he has no right or reason to endeavour to wring further concessions from the Government on the ground that another has secured greater rewards by following a less sheltered path of progress.

These arguments cover to some extent the whole of the Civil Service from the highest to the lowest grades, and they should be applied to the petition of the locally engaged men in Hong Kong. The officers appointed on sterling salaries from Home received an advance for one of two reasons. They either convinced the Authorities that their pay, owing to the rise in the cost of living, did not give them the comfort they were entitled to expect under their original conditions of service, or the authorities were satisfied that the original conditions had to be improved in order to secure an adequate supply of recruits for the vacancies offering. In reply to the locally engaged men the Government seem to suggest that various concessions in the shape of rent allowances have been sufficient to meet the increase in the cost of living. Facts and figures should be produced at the Commission of Enquiry which has been promised in order to decide this point. On the other line of argument, that of obtaining satisfactory recruits for vacancies the Government hold that "the large number of applications of high standard for Government posts strongly supports the view that the scales of salary are adequate."

The master of a rattan shop at No. 23, Shanghai Street has made a report to the Police that his fob disappeared with \$100, which was given to him to buy rattan.

The stocktaking sale of the Pioneer Silk Store ends to-morrow night. Thus there are only two more days in which to take advantage of greatly reduced prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Potter, Mr. H. G. Sheldon, Col. R. B. Skinner and Miss Irene Ho Tung were among the passengers leaving here yesterday by the *Empress of Russia*.

Friday being the birthday of H.M. the Queen of the Netherlands the Consul General will be at home at the Chancery, Asiatic Building that morning from 11 a.m. to noon.

The Hong Kong Telephone Company have declared an interim dividend of four per cent for the six months ended June 30th. The dividend is payable on September 12th.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. F. C. Colloco, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, No. 1, Woodland Terrace, Hong Kong, to Miss N. M. Alvarez, No. 14, Cameron Road, Kowloon.

The next Promenade Concert at Volunteer Headquarters has been arranged for Friday, September 21st, when the Band of the 1st Battalion The Queen's Royal Regiment will play (by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. H. C. Ponsomby, D.S.O., M.C., and Officers).

We note that a Fengtien envoy is in Canton and is being feted and treated generally as a greatly honoured guest. This must be exceedingly pleasant for the envoy, but we frankly confess that we do not fully understand the purpose of his mission. According to his own statement he has been sent to the South by General CHANG HSUEH LIANG, the son of the late Marshal CHANG TAO LIN, to confer with the Canton leaders concerning the submission of the three Eastern Provinces of Manchuria to the Nationalist Government. We cannot comprehend why it should be necessary in view of the fact that China is now presumed to be, theoretically, a united country under one Central Authority. We should have imagined that political questions of this magnitude would have been discussed and settled in Nanking. Canton cannot very well effect the issue and we do not think it would be to her advantage to try to do so. Her policy in future, we trust, will be one of "splendid isolation."

There is no particular reason why she should have a hand in the present political muddle, and the more she can keep herself free from entanglements of any kind the better.

However, Chinese politics are notoriously difficult to follow and possibly for some obscure reason good may result from the conversations which the Fengtien envoy will have with Marshal LI TSUI HSUN on his return to Canton. In the meantime, it is interesting to learn that the gentleman from Manchuria envies Canton because "it is so far ahead of the Northern Provinces in revolutionary ideas." Canton, he says, "has long been the reputed source of revolution and the most vigorous spot for radiating civilisation." Long may Canton live up to its reputation for "radiating civilisation," but we hope it will not pride itself too greatly upon being the "source of revolution."

The Colony had a clean bill of health on Tuesday.

All interested in Rugby football are invited to attend a meeting at Union Building, Pedder Street, to-day (Thursday) at 5.30 p.m.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Levels Residents' Association will be held at the Ladies Recreation Club, Peak Road, on Thursday, September 6th at 8 p.m.

THE GRAND TATTOO.

MORE DETAILS OF PROGRAMME.

COMMITTEE MEET ON THE GROUND.

The working committee of the Grand Tattoo held their first meeting on the actual venue on Tuesday evening, and went right through the programme which was read and explained by Lieut.-Col. J. L. Comyn, C.M.G. The seats in the various stands were tried by members of the Committee and duly priced according to the excellence of the view accorded. Half the seats will be sold at \$1 and 50 cents and no seat is to cost more than \$3.

Contingents of the troops were rehearsing while the meeting was being held.

The programme which we understand is now final is as follows:—

The Tattoo will be opened each night at 8.30 p.m. by the firing of three guns. Chinese striking of the hour will next be heard and the castle gates will be flung open. Through them will issue the massed buglers of the command who will sound the "First Post." They will be followed by the Drums and Pipes of the 1st Batt. The Queen's Royal Regiment who will beat the Tattoo. Next the guard of honour will enter and following them the massed bands and drums of the tournament.

At 8.40 H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) will arrive and when the Government House party is seated the massed bands will play for 15 minutes.

Gathering of the Clans.

At 8.55 the first scene entitled "The Gathering of the Clans" will be given. Some details of this have already been given in our columns. It will be performed by the Philharmonic Society, the A.D.C., and the Reel Club, the clansmen and the pipers being from the 2nd Batt. The King's Own Scottish Borderers.

Dancing Displays.

At 9.15 on the first night:—A Dancing Display will be given by the 3/15 Punjab of the Khattak War Dance, which should be particularly interesting.

On the second night:—Old English Dances arranged by Miss Daisy O'Keefe. A May-pole dance will be given by the children of the Garrison School, and a Morris dance by the ladies of the Colony.

On the third night:—Highland Dancing display given by the members of the Reel Club, the music will be provided by the pipe band of the K.O.S.B.

Torchlight Evolutions.

At 9.40 each night Torch Light Evolutions will be given by the 1st Batt. The Queen's Royal Regiment. About 40 N.C.O.'s and men will take part, divided into three groups, and music will be provided by the massed bands.

Outposts of the Empire.

At 9.45 each night the second scene of the Scenario will be given, which is entitled "Outposts of the Empire" and which shows the capture of a desert fort. Taking part are the Hong Kong and Singapore Brigade R.A.; the King's Own Scottish Borderers; the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps (motor cycle and machine gun sections); the Mule Corps; and the Hong Kong Branch, St John's Ambulance Brigade.

Gala Displays.

At 10.5 there will be various gala displays.

On the first night:—Chinese display, arranged by members of the Chinese community of Hong Kong.

On the second night:—Illuminated decorated motor car parade, arranged by the Hong Kong Automobile Association. The massed bands will provide incidental music.

On the third night:—Portuguese Pageant, arranged by the Portuguese Community under the patronage of H.E. the Governor of Macao. At 10.30, Japanese fireworks display, arranged by the Japanese residents of the Colony.

The Tattoo is timed to end at 10.30 p.m. on the first two nights and at 10.40 p.m. on the third.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.17 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone remains to the north-east of Japan and the depression in the Gulf of Tongking. The typhoon is situated about 50 miles east of Oshima, moving northward.

A message from Manila, issued at 11 a.m., states that the typhoon is in Long 131deg. E., Lat. 22deg. N., moving N.W. at 10 m.p.h.

Another typhoon is in about Long 136deg. E., Lat. 18deg. N., and is practically stationary.

Local Forecast:—N.E. or variable winds, moderate, fair.

The maximum punishment within the power of the Straits Settlements Criminal District Judge was imposed on three Chinese gang members of a dangerous gang who were arrested in a Chinatown house after a struggle in which two of them attempted to draw their pistols on the police. The men will each undergo three years' rigorous imprisonment and receive twenty strokes of the rotan.

Mr. Nicol stated in answer to Chief Court Inspector Meredith (prosecuting), that at about 7.30 p.m. on August 4th, accompanied by Inspector Cowie and a party of detectives he visited 130, Victoria Street. In a room on the first floor there were four men, the three accused and another. The first accused was lying on a bed. As the police party entered, both he and the second accused attempted to draw their pistols. Witness seized the first accused, who struggled, trying to get his right hand to his side, and was handcuffed with difficulty. Inspector Cowie had to dash the second accused's pistol from his hand. In first accused's jacket were found five rounds of ammunition which fitted into his revolver. The revolver had six rounds in the chamber. The second accused's pistol had eight rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber.

A dagger was found in the third accused's possession. A piece of steel, filed at the end into a three-edged dagger, was also found.

Inspector Cowie stated that the second accused drew his pistol, and struck the gunman with it over his wrist, causing him to drop his weapon.

JAPANESE DOUBTS OF CHINA'S SINCERITY.

REPLY TO TREATY NOTE DELAYED.

NATIONALIST OFFENSIVE OPENS AGAINST NORTHERN TROOPS.

KUOMINCHUN SUCCESS IN HONAN.

As a result of the Nationalist reply to Japan's recent note, the Japanese Cabinet, after discussion, have decided to accede to China's request for revision of the existing treaties. The Cabinet however first insists that China must be really sincere, and they do not yet feel assured of this. Consequently, Japan will not issue any reply to the Nationalist note at present. A further reason for keeping silence is that Japan does not wish to prolong the profitless disagreement over the interpretation of Article XXVI which provides for the extension of the expired treaty if no suggest of revision is put forward.

General Chang Hsueh Liang's delegate, who is at present in Shanghai, was entertained to dinner by Chinese journalists, and stated that Manchuria was in favour of Kuomintang principles but was unable openly to throw in her lot with the Nationalists owing to the threats of Japan.

The sanction of the Emperor of Japan is to be sought for the withdrawal of a brigade which was sent to Manchuria from Korea. The Nationalist offensive has opened against the Chihli-Shantung troops within the Great Wall, and the Northern troops are reported to be withdrawing.

Kuominchun forces have carried out an enveloping movement against the army of Fan Chung Hsiu, at Nanyang in south-west Honan, and this time Feng Yu Hsiang seems to have met with success, for General Fan has fled to Hankow in disguise.

IS CHINA SINCERE?

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, Aug. 29th. As a result of the Cabinet's discussion of the Nationalist's second note, it is understood that the Government has decided to accept the Chinese demand for opening the question of treaty revision, after assuring itself that China is really sincere. As, however, there is still some doubt of China's sincerity, the Government will not issue a reply for the time being, as it does not desire to prolong the legal controversy over the interpretation of Article XXVI of the Treaty.

MANCHURIA HAMPERED BY JAPAN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Shanghai, Aug. 29th. Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, who was discharged from the Country Hospital on Monday, will remain in Shanghai for a week before going to Nanking.

General Shing Shih Lien, the delegate of General Chang Hsueh Liang, called on Marshal Chiang and was later entertained by local Chinese Pressmen to dinner, where he explained that although Chang was in sympathy with the Kuomintang principles he was unable to join the Nationalists owing to the threat by the Japanese. But, he added, Manchuria would soon devise measures for carrying out its intention of joining the Nationalists.

TREATY WITH FINLAND.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

Shanghai, Aug. 29th. The Finnish Consul-General at Shanghai has proposed to the Nationalist Government that a Sino-Finnish Treaty on the basis of absolute equality and reciprocity should be concluded whereby diplomatic relations between China and Finland can be fully instituted.

The Nationalist Government has accepted his proposal and is prepared to appoint Mr. Chu Yu Liang as Chinese Chargé d'Affaires in Finland.

TSINAN INUNDATED.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

Shanghai, Aug. 29th. A severe storm visited the city of Tsinan last Sunday causing many of the low-lying parts of the walled city to be flooded with several feet of water. As a consequence damage to houses is estimated at several thousand dollars, while many casualties are reported.

REJECTION OF IMMIGRANTS.

U.S. GOVERNMENT SUEDE.

SHIPPING COMPANIES' CLAIMS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Aug. 29th.

Eleven steamship companies, including the Cunard Company, are suing the United States Government for \$30,000 to cover losses sustained through alleged improper rejection of immigrants.

COMMUNISTS ARRESTED IN JAPAN.

DISTRIBUTING PAMPHLETS AND POSTERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Fukuoka, Aug. 29th.

The preliminary trial of forty Communists has been concluded here. Thirty-five were found guilty of violation of the law for the maintenance of peace and order. The defendants, who it appears distributed Communist pamphlets and posters during the General Election in February, will be tried publicly in the near future.

BIG NEW AMERICAN CRUISERS.

TWO READY NEXT YEAR.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Washington, Aug. 29th.

It is announced that the first two of the eight United States cruisers exceeding 10,000 tons, at present being constructed, will be launched in the spring of 1929 and commissioned in July 1929.

PRINCE OF WALES' TOUR.

EARLY DEPARTURE FOR AFRICA.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Aug. 28th.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who will be accompanied by his brother, the Duke of Gloucester, will leave London for his tour of East Africa on September 6th. It is understood that no definite itinerary will be followed.

Their Royal Highnesses will go out by way of Egypt. After the journey through East Africa, they will proceed through Northern Rhodesia and thence southward to Capetown, from which port they will sail for Home.

It is anticipated that the Royal travellers will be back in London early next January.

BRITAIN'S WORKLESS.

A SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Aug. 28th.

For the first time for some weeks, the unemployment returns show a decline.

On August 26th, the total number of unemployed was 1,308,200. This was 5,955 less than the week before, but 263,845 more than the year before.

FORDS FOR BRITAIN.

NEW WORKS AT MANCHESTER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Aug. 28th.

It was announced at the Cork Rotary Club that the Henry Ford Company is transferring the bulk of its newly-erected machinery there to Manchester, because the Company has been unable to arrange a satisfactory solution of the import duty difficulty, which has precluded the Ford car competing in the British market.

INDIAN PARTIES IN CONFERENCE.

AGREEMENT WITH NEHRU REPORT.

MRS. BESANT'S ADVICE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Lucknow, August 28th.

With only one Moslem dissent, the All Parties Conference, which met here to-day, passed a resolution, on the motion of Mr. Lala Lajpatrai, the leader of the Nationalist Party, appreciating the Nehru Report and offering general support.

This report has been drafted by a group of politicians, headed by Motilal Nehru, and it constitutes a scheme for the future government of India, including a demand for the grant of Dominion status, the transference of political power from England to the people of India, and the establishment of a Two-Chamber Parliament with supreme authority.

The only dissentient to to-day's resolution was Hasrat Mohani, one of the Moslem leaders, and the result of the voting was received with shouts of "Bande Materam."

Hindus Approve.

Previous to the All Parties meeting, the Executive Committee of the Hindu Mahasabha met in camera and decided to support the Nehru Report generally, provided that if the "vicious principle" of the reservation of Legislative seats on a communal basis were adopted by the Conference it should be uniformly applied to all minorities. This was intended to meet the Moslem demand for reservation of seats for Moslem majorities in the Punjab and Bengal in the next ten years.

Some Moslem Objections.

Some Moslem objections to the Nehru Report were voiced at the meeting of Moslems which was held prior to the All Parties Conference.

Mr. Hasrat Mohani declared that the Report was contrary to the mandate given by the All Parties Conference, which charged the commission to evolve a constitution of responsible government and not that of a Dominion status.

Several speakers stressed the need of a one-third Moslem representation in the Central Government, in the Central Legislature and on local bodies besides the reservation of Moslem majority rights in Bengal and the Punjab. But Sir Ali Imam urged the Moslems not to ask for the reservation of majority rights which, he said, would only give them a false sense of security and deprive them of the right to contest more seats.

Graded Franchise.

Mrs. Annie Besant suggested that there should be a graded franchise instead of adult franchise and expressed the opinion that the British Labour Party would undertake to pilot a Bill on the lines of the Nehru Report if the Conference approved of that Report.

BRITAIN'S BIRTH RATE.

INCREASE ON LAST YEAR.

FEWER DEATHS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, August 28th.

For the first time since 1920, the birth-rate for the second quarter of the year showed an increase over the corresponding period of the previous year.

The birth rate for 1927 was 16.6 per thousand of the population, which was the lowest recorded since civil registration began. For the second quarter of this year, the rate was 17.5. There was also a slight increase in the first quarter.

The Registrar-General, however, points out that these figures do not definitely indicate an alteration in the downward tendency of the birth rate, as the increase might be due to the unusually large number of marriages in 1927.

Marriages in the first quarter of this year showed a decline compared with the corresponding quarter of last year.

HIGH PRICES OF TEA.

HUGE STOCKS IN HAND.

RETAILERS ADAMANT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Aug. 28th.

A suggestion that, in view of the statement that there are thirty million more pounds of tea in Britain than a year ago, tea prices are too high, was to-day denied by the director of one of the biggest packing houses in London, who said that he did not know of any profiteering in the tea trade. The profit on tea was smaller than on any other domestic article. He added that before the markets broke in the early spring they were selling tea to the public at a price below that at which they could buy it.

Mrs. Drapper, the Lady Mayor of Deptford, who is a member of the Food Council is of the opinion, however, that tea prices should be reduced, otherwise she proposes to raise the question at the Council, which was previously of the opinion that the profit made by retail tea distributing companies might well form the subject of an enquiry.

Officials of three of the leading retail tea firms in London stated to-day that there was no intention of making any reduction in the price of tea.

ALLEGED WRONGFUL IMPRISONMENT.

RETIRED POLICE INSPECTOR BLAMED.

TAIPO FISHERMAN WANTS DAMAGES.

The case in which a fisherman from Taiipo claimed \$1,000 damages from the master, and *foki* of a fish shop and also from a Chinese detective stationed at Taiipo for wrongful imprisonment was yesterday concluded at the Summary Court before Mr. Justice P. Jackson.

Mr. A. el Arculli appeared for the plaintiff, Loo Wo Huen, and the defendants, Cheung Tai Kwai and Cheung Kiang, master and *foki* of the Wo Hing Ling fish shop at Taiipo, were defended by Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones. The third defendant, Lai Shing, a Chinese detective, was not represented.

At the previous hearing, plaintiff said that he owed certain sums of money to Cheung Tai Kwai, and that when he came to Hong Kong on June 27th, this year, he was arrested. The three defendants took him to a boarding house and there assaulted him. Later he was taken to a tea-house, where the defendants had tea, while he sat down and looked on but was given nothing. While at the tea shop, plaintiff alleged that he was held by the flap of his jacket and he was similarly secured when taken back to Taiipo. At Taiipo Police Station, he was imprisoned for two nights.

Blameless Defendants.

For the defence, Mr. Hugh Jones said that the two Cheungs would admit that the plaintiff was wrongfully arrested and imprisoned, but he would satisfy his Lordship that it was not by the action of the two Cheungs. These two defendants had only laid a complaint to the Inspector at Taiipo and did not specifically authorise him to arrest the plaintiff.

The defendant, Cheung Tai Kwai, in his evidence said that the plaintiff owed him \$300. Plaintiff had also sold one of his sheep for \$140 and had never given him the money. He later discovered that the plaintiff was going away from Taiipo, and accordingly went to the District Officer at Taiipo to make his complaint. He was unable to see the District Officer, so he went to the Assistant Superintendent of Police, who told him to report the matter to the Inspector at the Taiipo Station. He went there and laid his complaints. He had never asked the Inspector to arrest plaintiff.

A Friendly Party.

After he had made his report to the Inspector, defendant, his *foki* and a Chinese detective came to Hong Kong, on the instruction of the Inspector, to find the plaintiff. They met him here and they were all very friendly to each other. They had neither used force nor assaulted the plaintiff. After having "tiffin" together, the four of them returned to Taiipo and at the Taiipo Police Station, plaintiff admitted to the Inspector that he owed money to the defendant, but that he had no money to pay, nor could he find anyone to guarantee him. Defendant then left the station, leaving the plaintiff with the Inspector. Defendant also added that he had never at any time asked the Inspector to imprison the plaintiff. Anything that was done was on the initiative of the Inspector who had since retired and gone home.

Bound For Ireland.

Mr. Kellogg and Mr. Cosgrave left by special train for Havre, where they will embark on the United States steamer *Detroit* for Ireland. Mr. Kellogg is returning to Ireland. Mr. Cosgrave is returning to the United States, which was made earlier in the year.

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN.

DEPUTATION'S SAD FATE.

FOUR LOCKED UP.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Paris, Aug. 28th.

Inhabitants of Rambouillet formed a guard of honour for the Peace Pact delegates on their arrival at the chateau as the guests at a luncheon given in their honour by President Doumergue.

The harmony of the proceedings was marred by a demonstration of suffragettes commissioned by the Committee of International Action and the National Women's Party of the United States (of which Viscountess Rhonda and Miss Doris Stevens are the respective organisers) to present the petition asking the plenipotentiaries to support a pact granting equal rights for men and women.

Four women who were particularly insistent endeavoured to force their way into the chateau. They were politely escorted to the Mayoral building, where they were detained for three and a half hours until President Doumergue's guests had departed.

There was no durance vile, however, for the women were supplied with lunch in the shape of sandwiches, mineral waters and beer. Miss Doris Stevens, interviewed by *Reuter*, stated that Viscountess Rhonda did not accompany the delegation to Rambouillet.

Note Torn Up.

She added that the police tore up the note which the deputation asked them to convey to President Doumergue, and that a second attempt was made through the concierge. The note begged President Doumergue to permit the guests to come out for ten minutes to hear the women's request.

Miss Stevens expressed the opinion that anyone was entitled to petition the President of any Republic, and she emphasised that this was all the women wished to do.

GRAMOPHONE DISCS THAT WILL FOLD.

RECORDS FOR CIGARETTE PACKETS.

A gramophone record which can be:

Burned, Folded-up in a cigarette packet, or Jumped on, and can still be played without losing any quality of tone, was demonstrated at the Savoy Hotel on July 30th.

It will shortly be placed on the market by the Worlded Co. The records can be printed on newspaper, on the covers of periodicals, while advertisements can also be displayed under the playing surface. A two and a half inch record, capable of being produced at low cost, will exactly fit into a packet of twenty cigarettes. These records can be played twice, and are expected to have a much greater appeal than the ordinary cigarette cards. They are light, resembling a thick coat of varnish on paper, but so durable that the needle can be drawn across them without any ill-effects.

A director of the company said to a *Daily Express* representative: "The ordinary type of record has been subjected to an endurance test of twenty-six hours, and at the end of that time the needle was worn out, but the record was still able to give very good results."

Referring to the clause concerning ratification, the Chargé d'Affaires points out that it is provided that the Pact shall be open to the adherence of all other Powers. The United States Government will be happy at any time to receive appropriate notices of adherence from any Power desiring to participate in the treaty.

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MIXED RECEPTION OF PACT.

SCORN OF GERMANY AND ITALY.

ACCEPTANCE BY OTHER POWERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, August 28th.

A mixed reception has been given to the Kellogg Pact by the Continental press.

"Good seed that ought to produce good fruit" is the comment of the Parisian newspaper *Homme Libre*, while *Le Matin* points out that it is the first Peace Treaty concluded in the world's history without war immediately preceding it.

It is noteworthy that the Polish newspapers, according to *Reuter's* correspondent at Warsaw, are especially gratified because they claim that the Pact now signed is similar to the proposal which was submitted by the Polish delegation to Geneva last year, and that in signing it Germany forswears for ever any idea of forcibly rearranging her eastern frontier.

Italian Sarcasm.

On the contrary, the Italian and German press are cynical and sarcastic. The Rome *Tribuna* expresses the opinion that the Pact "will not for long illumine the pages of history" but that the responsibility for this, however, will not be Italy's but the major signatories who have "prepared" by the ceremony in Paris a welter of trouble and bitter suspicion under a cloak of fine words. The Peace Pact will further consolidate America's aloofness from the League of Nations.

"Nearly Like Hollywood."

"War Banished for Half-an-Hour" and "Nearly Like Hollywood" are examples of the ironical headings in the German Nationalist press. Their comments are couched in a similar tone of mistrust and sarcasm, and particular emphasis is laid upon the fact that there is no sign of general disarmament after the ceremony in Paris, nor of British and French troops evacuating German territory.

The Left journals, on the contrary, stress the moral importance and significance of the signing, as greatly increasing the chance of continuing peace.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

American Senate.

WASHINGTON, August 28th. Although Mr. Kellogg in Paris declined to forecast the Senate's attitude towards the Peace Pact, it is generally expected here that the Senate will ratify with a safe majority if no political storm breaks.

The Presidential election will be over when the Pact comes before the Senate which will remove it from the realm of partisan politics. The fact that the Pact imposes no obligations on the United States, other than the renunciation of war, is likely to induce the Senate to ratify. The interesting question is whether the opponents of the naval building programme will use the Pact to reinforce their arguments, and there is evidence that some members of the administration are finding it difficult to reconcile the Pact with their request for more ships.

Acceptances.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28th. Cuba, Bolivia and Peru have notified the State Department of their intention to adhere to the Kellogg Pact.

Brazil's Congratulations.

Rio de Janeiro. Replying to the United States invitation to adhere to the Kellogg Pact, the Brazilian Government congratulates the United States and other signatories, "all the more since the principles laid down in the Pact, even before they are engraved in the text of the Republic's Constitution, are already engrained in the conscience of the Brazilian people, who never in any circumstances will fail in them." The note concludes by "duly noting" the invitation.

Argentina.

Buenos Aires. The United States has invited Argentina to adhere to the Pact.

Soviet Criticism.

Moscow. The Soviet Press emphasises that the Pact does not remove the contradictions dividing the different countries, and in no wise prevents the growth of armaments.

Submitted To Nationalists.

SHANGHAI. Mr. E. S. Cunningham has sent to Mr. C. T. Wang a copy of the Peace Pact signed in Paris on August 27th with a covering letter. He has the honour, he says, formally to communicate the text for the consideration and approval of the Nationalist Government. (Continued at foot of previous column.)

BASEBALL NOTES.

SOME COMMENTS BY SHANGHAI PLAYERS.

VIEWS AND REVIEWS OF THE GAMES.

[Br C. L. C.]

Now that the "big stir" in the local baseball world is over, we can settle down to speculate who will win the local championship. The Shanghai team has left us, after a successful debut here, and has taken away the Chinese Interport Cup. They have taught our Chinese players a thing or two, but it did not amount to much. The visitors certainly demonstrated that *esprit de corps* is everything to a team, and that individual performances for the benefit of the gallery do not win a game.

Comparing the Shanghai outfit with the Dragons, one must say that the better team won. In fielding they all worked well, and there was no "playing-to-the-grandstand." They had only three reliable batters among them, Char, Tsao, and Loo were the safe bats, while Kim was also able to pull off one or two at times. But in this matter, the Dragons are in the same boat. T. Chinn, Shim and Sling are the only three that could be depended upon, and in fact where the battery was concerned, these two teams were on an even keel.

Of all the visiting teams that had been in Hong Kong during the last two years, one could deny that the "All Filipino Stars" was the best, and then come the "Honolulu Chinese." The Shanghai team was nothing out of the ordinary, and it is to be regretted that an effort was not made to arrange a match with the local Filipino pack. It was also a pity that the Hong Kong Baseball Club was unable to field a team against the visitors. If any team in the Colony could trounce the Shanghai Chinese it was the Filipinos.

I have seen baseball played in Shanghai, and from what I saw, I must say that the Shanghai Chinese were not representative of that port. The Shanghai Americans have a very strong outfit, and even the American School boys played a better standard of baseball while I was there. Then the Japanese teams were also strong factors to contend with. However, a visiting team is always a diversion to ball fans in the Colony, and no matter whether the standard was high or not, our baseball enthusiasts have given their full support and have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

While on the subject, I might mention that the Shanghai players had many faults to find with us. The day after their first game here, I was asked why no "Box Score" was kept. The visitor thinking that I had never been in Shanghai told me how they do things over there, and that the Press always published the Box Score together with their accounts. I told him that I was connected with one of the leading dailies there and it had been my lot to report ball games, and pointed out to him that the Box Score was supplied by the official scorer. He was surprised when I told him that such things are never done here.

"And yet they said they play ball over here!" my Shanghai friend asked. "What about an indicator? Don't they give the umpire one? I have seen that the ump always goes without one and that's mighty tough on him. You can't expect a man to remember all the strikes and balls." Another question he fired at me was "Well, who made the ground rules, and why does the ump seem to know nothing about it? Whenever a dispute arises, he is always at a loss!" I told him to get his information from the proper quarters. He shook his head and with a smile went away.

Now let us turn to our local league. Interest was lost in our own affairs when the fans had Shanghai to think about, but will no doubt revive now that the visitors have left. A gloom was cast over the Filipino Baseball Club—the probable winners of the senior championship—on August 21st, when their pitcher, Zafra, had a sudden attack of heat stroke, and took himself off to Shanghai by the *President Pierce*. Of course, one team's loss is another's gain and a member of the Dragons team, who was on board the same ship to see a friend, was heard to say to his friend that the Dragons will again be champions this year now that Zafra had gone away.

The news of Zafra's departure came as a shock to the Filipino supporters, but Zafra was quickly (Continued on next column).

SHANGHAI CHINESE LEAVE.

FRIENDS SEE THEM OFF BY "EMPEROR OF RUSSIA."

The Shanghai Chinese (East China) baseball team, headed by Mr. W. Y. Char, captain, and Mr. Albert Liu, manager, after a stay in Hong Kong of two weeks as guests of the South China Athletic Association, departed for home yesterday by the *s.s. Empress of Russia*.

The team was seen off by a number of members of the local baseball clubs, consisting of, among others, Mr. Harry H. Sling, manager, and Mr. Richard Shim, assistant manager, of the South China baseball team; Mr. Wong Kum Yung, Mr. Soo Huen Yau, and Mr. Loo Hap Foo, of the social committee of South China Athletic Association; and Mr. Hin Wong, hon. secretary of Hong Kong Baseball Association.

Before sailing, the team was informally entertained by Sir Shouson Chow, one of the honorary presidents of the South China Athletic Association; and Lady Chow and other ladies went on board the *Empress* to see the team off.

The visitors were taken across the Harbour by a launch specially engaged by the South China Athletic Association, and the launch followed the *Empress* until she was clear of the Harbour. Cheers were exchanged between the departing team and its hosts, while firecrackers, including a long one, were let off.

The visitors did very well during their stay in Hong Kong, winning five and losing only one game. The team carried off the cup presented by Sir Shouson Chow. The Chinese Y.M.C.A. assisted throughout the short sojourn of the visitors by opening the hostel to them under most favourable conditions, owing to the courtesy of Mr. Y. H. Tano.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—On behalf of the East China Baseball Team, I am directed to express through your columns our heartfelt and most sincere thanks to the following named individuals and associations for their kind hospitality:—Sir Shou Son Chow, Mr. Tao Shu Hon, Mr. Tung Bin Ki, South China Athletic Association, Hong Kong Baseball Association, China Athletic Association, Chinese Bathing Club, Chinese Y.M.C.A.

We feel that our trip to Hong Kong was a most pleasant and memorable one. We have been entertained lavishly far beyond our hopes of ever repaying in the same measure. However, we shall endeavour to do our very best by making every preparation to welcome the South China Dragons when they visit us in Shanghai next summer.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances and to our limited time in Hong Kong, we regret exceedingly that we were unable to play the Filipino Baseball Club. We hope that in the near future we may have the opportunity to cross bats with them.

We wish to express again our deepest appreciation to the parties concerned for their many kindnesses shown towards us during our sojourn in Hong Kong.—Cordially yours,

W. Y. CHAR,

Captain,

East China Baseball Team, South China Athletic Association, August 28th.

cured by the sea voyage and returned to the Colony by the *President Taft*, on Monday evening, in good time to play the scheduled game between the Filipino and the Shanghai outfit on Tuesday. However, the game was called off and Shanghai played their final with the Dragons instead. Mr. Ruff, the capable manager of the Filipino team, told Zafra a thing or two and now the "Big Boy" has promised never to get heat stroke again!

Ball fans can therefore look forward to another keen struggle between the Dragons and the Filipinos. I understand that the Dragons are now practising hard every day and seeking reinforcement from the second division players. They will not go down to the Filipinos without a struggle, that's sure. On the other hand the Filipino boys are confident of dispatching our other severe defeat to the Dragons and that they have got Zafra back. It is indeed hard luck on the Hong Kong Baseball Club that Ruff, their pitching ace, is laid up in hospital, and two or three of their good players are away from the Colony. Their chances in the league, however, are very remote. They are well behind and only a superhuman effort would bring them on a level with the Dragons or the Filipinos.

TENNIS NOTES.

The second semi-final of the Hong Kong Doubles organised by the Hong Kong Cricket Club was played yesterday and resulted in a victory for G. W. Sewell and H. Owen Hughes by two sets to love, 6-4 and 6-3. As the scores indicated the match was not as closely contested as the other semi-final in which Fiddes Wilson and Gordon defeated Lt.-Col. Wyatt and Rev. F. P. W. Alexander by two sets to one.

Still, play often reached a good standard and although the winners had control of the game most of the time, the Dodwell pair put up a very fine defence which proved hard to break. The winners are an independent pair and enter the final to meet W. D. Fiddes Wilson and R. Gordon (Jardine, Matheson) son) set.

The records of the finalists follow:—

W. D. Fiddes Wilson and R. Gordon (Jardine, Matheson) set, w.o. from E. R. West and P. Beaumont, beat Lieut. Healing and Lieut. Waters (Tamar) owe 3/6 6-6, 4-6, 6-3.

beat D. J. Gilmore and T. L. Christie (Chartered Bank) rec. 18 6-1, 6-7 and 9-7. beat C. Blaker and G. Miskin (Gilman & Co.) owe 2/6 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.

beat Lt.-Col. Wyatt and Rev. F. P. W. Alexander owe 15/3 3-6, 6-3, 6-6. G. W. Sewell and H. Owen Hughes owe 15/3 drew 6 by in the first round and beat W. A. Nowers and D. S. Green (A.P.C.) owe 1/6 6-2, 6-3.

beat C. C. Stark and E. J. R. Mitchell owe 2/6 6-3, 6-2. beat E. D. Lawrence and T. D. E. Pendered (A.P.C.) owe 3/6 6-3, 6-2. beat R. K. Valentine and A. D. Humphreys (Dodwell & Co.) owe 15 6-4, 6-3.

Civil Service obtained their tenth point on Saturday when they beat the Kowloon Cricket Club in the "C" Division of the Tennis League. They have finished the season remarkably well and after a poor start they improved as the season progressed, so that they have finished in the top half of the table.

In the only other match decided the Hong Kong Cricket Club beat the Indian Recreation Club in same division. Rain interrupted a very interesting match between the first and second "C" teams of the Chinese Recreation Club. It is however, fully expected that the C.R.C. I will beat the C.R.C. II and that the former will win the Shield again. The match will probably be replayed in a day or two.

Recreio II. are to be congratulated on their splendid performance in running second to the Chinese Recreation Club I. in the "C" Division. That they will eventually still occupy the runners-up position is as much expected as that the Chinese R.C. I. will win the Shield. They have only the Kowloon Indians to play and should win that match hands down.

Their success has been a great incentive to the Portuguese players who are great enthusiasts for the game. Like the Chinese they have young blood to draw upon and it will not be surprising to find in a few seasons to come that a couple of buddies will shine in the more important competitions locally.

WATERLOO "REBELS."

LONDON PASSENGERS IN REVOLT.

Passengers homeward bound for the suburbs figured in a minor "rebellion" against authority at Waterloo Station, London, one Saturday last month.

They took possession of the guard's van of a crowded electric train, and refused to obey orders to quit. Quiet-looking City workers were among the ringleaders.

The trouble followed a delay to the 12.55 train for Guildford. This did not depart until 1.20, and it was crowded by people who normally travel on the following train.

Every carriage was packed and officials were harangued by scores of people left on the platform. Suddenly a man standing near the front guard's van opened the door and jumped in. Within a few seconds the van was crowded, and despite many appeals by officials everyone refused to move.

COUNTY CRICKET.

SUTCLIFFE'S BIG SCORE.

WEST INDIES WIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Yorkshire v. Sussex.

Yorkshire beat Sussex on the first innings. Yorks 429 for 4 wickets, innings declared closed (Sutcliffe 239). Sussex 131 and 490 (Duleepsinhji 130).

Notts v. Derbyshire.

Nottinghamshire beat Derbyshire on the first innings. Notts 192 and 184 for 6 wickets. Derby 129 (Lawwood 5 for 26).

Lancashire v. Wales.

Lancashire beat Wales by 80 runs. Lancs. 300 (Hallows 114) and 97 for 3 wickets, innings declared closed. Wales 36 (Hopwood 6 for 20) and 131.

Essex v. Leicestershire.

Essex beat Leicestershire on the first innings. Essex 340 (O'Connor 123). Leicestershire 236 (Dawson 136 not out).

Warwick v. Worcester.

Warwickshire beat Worcester-shire on the first innings. Worcester 203 and 99 for 7 wickets.

Warwick 332 for 3 wickets, innings declared closed (Fiddian Green 93, Wyatt 92).

Surrey v. Middlesex.

Surrey beat Middlesex on the first innings. Surrey 332 and 245 for 3 wickets (Hobbs 75). Middlesex 235.

Gloucester v. Somerset.

Gloucestershire beat Somerset on the first innings. Gloucester 281 for 7 wickets, innings declared closed.

Somerset 96 (Parker 7 for 47).

West Indies v. Kent.

The West Indies beat Kent by 201 runs. West Indies 283 (Browne 103) and 216 (Freeman 9 for 104). Kent 127 and 170.

BOXING.

WORLD'S TITLE MATCH.

FIGHT STAGED IN LONDON.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, Aug. 28th.

One of the few London world title matches is being decided in the open air at Clapton Stadium to-morrow, when the British and European flyweight champion, Johnny Hill, meets the American "Newboy" Brown, in a 15-round bout.

This match will be preceded by a 15-round contest between Teddy Baldock and Johnny Brown, at 8 p.m.

NEW KAI TACK CO. BUSES.

SUCCESSFUL TRIAL.

Three new buses built to the order of Messrs. Alex. Ross & Co., Ltd., by Messrs. Bailey & Co., Ltd., for the Kai Tack Motor Bus Co. have been officially inspected and tested at Kowloon, and being found highly satisfactory, at once put to the work on the roads; two similar buses are almost completed by Messrs. Bailey & Co., Ltd.

The chassis of these buses are of the well-known "Dennis" low spring type, and were delivered to Bailey's shipyard a month ago since when the entire construction, upholstery, electric lighting, painting, polishing and lettering, etc., have been completed.

The bodies of these buses are of strong design and excellent finish and provide seating accommodation in upholstered box-like covered spring seats forward for eight first-class passengers, and polished hardwood seats aft for twelve third-class passengers. The inside of buses are neatly covered with Rexine, the floors of first-class compartment with linoleum and floors of third-class compartment with straw. The windows are of the Strachan & Brown patent adjustable sliding type and the electric lighting, by Messrs. Wm. C. Jack & Co., Ltd., of neat and effective design.

At a trial of the buses on the 22nd inst. there were present for the Kai Tack Co. Messrs. Ho Sui Woon, Manager, Lam Moo Sing, Secretary, and Wang Fong Lai, Chief Engineer. Sub-Inspector Mason for the Police Department and Messrs. C. F. Mendham and A. A. Dand for the builders. Brake and lighting tests and general inspection were carried out by Inspector Mason and the buses were then run at 30 m.p.h. when both brakes were applied pulling up the buses within their own lengths.

On the 24th inst. further trials were made in presence of Mr. D. Burlingham, D.S.P., and Inspector Mason. Mr. Burlingham for Alex. Ross & Co., Ltd., and Mr. Dand for the builders. The buses were highly satisfactory and a great credit to all concerned.

COWES REGATTA.

SECOND KING'S CUP FOR "CORAL."

THE FIRST DAY.

Cowes, August 7th.

The four-day regatta of the Royal Yacht Squadron was opened at Cowes yesterday under conditions that were as favourable as could be wished.

The day was a very busy one, as the Royal London Yacht Club also held a regatta for the smaller classes. The entry for the combined fixtures was surely a record one for Cowes, no fewer than 173 boats figuring on the two cards.

The chief race of the day was the annual handicap for yachts owned by members of the Royal Yacht Squadron for the King's Cup. Sixteen of the boats entered started, but several did not complete the long course of 46 sea miles.

All sorts and sizes of craft were among the competitors, the vessels varying from 15 to 225 tons and including cutters, yawls, ketches, and a schooner.

There were half a dozen boats in the race which had previously won King's Cups, and one of these, Mr. Frank Chaplin's 63-ton auxiliary yawl *Coral*, was again successful.

Coral, which was built in 1902 to designs by Mr. Frederick Shepherd, won two years ago.

The 37-ton auxiliary yawl *Amariyllis*, a boat that has done tens of thousands of miles foreign cruising and which was recently presented by Miss Muhlhausen to the Royal Naval Training College at Dartmouth, was placed second, but there is no second prize.

Westward's Success.

The big class yacht race was one of the best of the season, less than a minute covering the three placed boats.

The big American-built schooner *Westward* was well suited by the conditions and won from Sir Thomas Lipton's *Shamrock* by 34sec. *Astra* was third, 23sec. worse than the green cutter.

Briannia, the King's cutter, only lost third prize by the narrow margin of 54sec.

Another very close finish was that in the international 12-metre class. Mr. R. R. Payne's *Vanity*, which hails from Burnham-on-Crouch, won after a keen contest. The two Clyde-owned boats *Iris* (Sir Thomas Glen Coats) and *Zinita* (Sir Arthur C. Connell) were second and third.

East Coast Boats.

The 6-class handicap was again won by Mr. Hugh F. Paul's *Sumurun*, which also hails from the east coast. Sir Howard Frank's *Norada*, now racing under cutter-rig, was second.

The second division of the handicap fleet provided an interesting contest, Mr. P. de G. Benson's *The Lady Anne* winning, Paula (Mr. Algernon Maudslay) being second, and Mr. J. W. Cook's *Thaet* third.

The international 8-metre class, M. Louis Breguet's *Nitchevo*, a French designed and built boat, was a competitor, but she did not get a place in the prize list. The winner was Lord Rosier and Sir Fisher Dilke's *Unity*, Mr. H. Johnson's *Finola* being second. Sir Howard Frank's *Nan* third.

The invincible *Nausabab*, owned by the Nawab of Bhopal, won again in the international 6-metre class. Felma and *Stinkish* dead-heated for second prize.

ROMAN SCRIPT FOR IRISH LANGUAGE.

DECISION OF FREE STATE COMMISSION.

DUBLIN, August 1st.

The Irish Free State Civil Service Commission announced that in 1930 Roman type will be used for the printing of test papers in the Irish language, and that for 1933 candidates will be required to use Roman script in the writing of Irish. This decision implies the discarding by the State of the ornamental characters, corresponding to the Gothic character of the language, in which the Irish language is usually written and printed.

Some extreme persons oppose the change strongly and impart a political flavour to the purely literary question. It is pointed out, however, by experts that the so-called Gaelic characters which superseded the ancient Ogham script at the time of the conversion of Ireland to Christianity are Roman in origin, and were called in Old Irish the "Latin Alphabet." Moreover, the modern Roman characters are used by virtually all Irish and foreign philologists in the redaction of old texts, and leading Gaelic scholars seem to be unanimously in favour of the change.

All other Celtic languages and dialects are written in the modern Roman script.

for the builders. The buses were tried up Taiipo Road and proved excellent climbers, quite free from vibration and most comfortable; brake tests as before were made coming down hill and the buses duly approved by Mr. Burlingham as highly satisfactory and a great credit to all concerned.



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M.P.'S SENSATIONAL
SPEECH.

DEALS IN MARCONI'S

Another remarkable attack in connection with the proposed co-ordination of cable and wireless services under an Imperial Communications Board was made in the House of Commons on August 2nd by Mr. Walter Baker, the Socialist M.P., who on May 21st, last attacked the Marconi Company.

Mr. Baker, who is the head of the research department of the Union of Post Office Workers, said that the strictures of the Harman-Lever committee on the postal telegraph service were a weapon created for use in connection with the wireless merger.

He sensed a connection with the speech by Viscount Wolmer, Assistant Postmaster-General, which called forth Mr. Baldwin's remark that Lord Wolmer had not reached years of discretion. Mr. Baker suggested that the real importance of Lord Wolmer's speech—to the effect that the Post Office would be more efficient under private enterprise—was the interests of Lord Selborne, Lord Wolmer's father, chairman of the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company.

Mr. Baker also made an attack on Sir Robert Kindersley, a director of the Bank of England. Government Reply.

Sir John Gilmour, replying for the Government on the proposals of the cable and wireless conference, of which he was chairman, described Mr. Baker's speech as "irrelevant," and said that such charges should be made where an answer could be given.

Mr. Baker held that the beam service should be kept in the Government's hands, and that the cables, if they could not continue, should be bought at scrap rates, not on the terms proposed.

Friends had told him, he went on, that he was barking up the wrong tree in attacking the Marconi Company—because the new interests were glad to have attention diverted from them—that "the Marconi Company was no longer corrupt," and that a fundamental change had taken place in its methods.

"That fundamental change in methods," added Mr. Baker, "is not particularly observable."

He referred to an alleged complaint to the Stock Exchange Committee some months ago against the Spanish and General Corporation. This complaint, he said, was rejected on technical grounds, and Mr. Baker took that to mean that there were grounds for the complaint.

In June, 1928, this corporation, he said, had share capital of £247,742 and a debit balance of £243,793.

"Manipulation." "I assert," he went on, "that the company has no assets of real value whatever, and that the enormous rise that has taken place in their shares from about 15d. to 38s. 6d. is pure manipulation, in which the directors have participated." He declared that the Marconi Company in February disposed of nearly 200,000 shares in the corporation to a broker for a consideration which was less than £2,000. "Either," he observed, "these shares, which are so valuable to-day, were sold for less than 6d., or else the inland revenue was not being treated quite fairly."

Dealing with the opposition raised to a former reduction of Marconi capital from £2,200,000 to £1,600,000, he said that a circular was issued, signed, among others, by Sir Robert Kindersley, urging shareholders to agree to the reduction. He added that Sir Robert Kindersley had been supplied in the previous January with a copy of an investigating accountant's report, and through the Cushman Trust, a subsidiary of Messrs. Lazard Brothers, he was acquiring thousands of shares at a low price during March and April, 1927.

Not Surprised. "I said to a right honourable gentleman in this House," continued Mr. Baker, "thinking to make his blood run cold, that I was amazed that Sir Robert Kindersley should have issued a circular to Marconi shareholders advising them to sell while he at the same time had confidential information on which he was buying the very shares the price of which he was endeavouring to reduce in the market."

"That right honourable gentleman said to me, 'There is nothing surprising about that. It is going on all the time and you cannot stop it.'"

"Is it too much to hope that the Government will realise that, whatever may be the normal practice in the City of London, when people begin to tackle the property of the nation we ought to have a little better standard than that?"

"I cannot understand on what ground one can defend the action of a man who is definitely taking public action to advise persons to agree to a reduction in the value of their shares while he is at the same moment buying them up by thousands."

The Marconi directors, added Mr. Baker, cut down the value of Canadian Marconi Company shares which they held to 2s. 1d., and sold them later to Sir Robert Kindersley—"that is, to the Cushman Trust"—at 4s. 2d. a share. They were quoted to-day at 30s. The Cushman Trust was the nominee company of Lazard Brothers, who held 5,480 shares in the Marconi Company at the end of November 1927, and had increased their holding by the beginning of 1928 to 51,800 shares.

"It is as a result of operations like these," said Mr. Baker, "that the nation is faced with the prospect of losing one of its great potential assets"—the beam wireless service.

Merger Members. Referring to the fact that Lord Selborne, Lord Wolmer's father, was chairman of the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company, Mr. Baker said that more than one-third of the shares in that company were owned by the Eastern and the South African Telegraph Company and the Globe Telegraph and Trust Company, both members of the merger. Lord Selborne was also a director of Lloyds Bank, which shared a director with Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, and he was also a director of the Peninsular and Oriental Banking Corporation, another director of which sat on the board of the African Direct Telegraph Company and the Eastern Telegraph Company.

He thought that Messrs. Lazard Brothers, "a firm with world-wide fame and an excellent reputation," of which Sir Robert Kindersley was managing director, conceived the merger.

"My concluding words are," he said, turning to Sir John Gilmour, "that your report is a fitting conclusion to a campaign of treachery and knavery."

Sir John Gilmour briefly denied Mr. Baker's suggestion that there was any "dictator behind the Government." He maintained that the nation had made a good bargain, and that there were adequate safeguards against any risk of exploiting the public by high rates.

AFTER THE FUNERAL.

MEN STEAL BROUGHAM TO
GIVE CHILDREN RIDES.

William Thorpe, aged 28, a cooper, of Essex-street, Shoreditch, and William Joseph Thompson, aged 35, a tailor, of Farnham-street, Shoreditch, were each sentenced to 31 days' imprisonment by Mr. Clarke Hall at Old-street for stealing a brougham and a gelding belonging to Dotteridge Brothers from outside the Coopers' Arms, Falkirk-street, Shoreditch.

Detective Scarlett said that the coachman returned from a funeral and went into the public-house. Thorpe and Thompson took the brougham, and began driving round Hoxton, giving the children a ride. The horse was almost exhausted.

Thorpe and Thompson told Mr. Clarke Hall that it was a joke, to give the children a ride. Previous convictions against both men were reported.

Mr. Clarke Hall said that it was a very dangerous trick.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, August 29th.			
Day	at 4 p.m.	at 5 a.m.	at 6 p.m.
Barometer	29.68	29.71	29.70
Temperature	87	77	85
Humidity	84	90	88
Wind	—	—	—
Direction	E	Calm	E
Force	—	0	3
Weather	—	B	S
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air temperature, 29th: 87. Lowest open-air temperature, 29th: 77. B—Blue sky; C—Cloudy; D—Drizzle; F—Fog; L—Lightning; M—Mist; O—Overcast; P—Passing showers; Q—Squalls; R—Rain; T—Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From August 30th to Sept. 5th, 1928.

High Water. Low Water.

Day of Week	Day of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Thurs.	30	8.18	7.1	2.2	3.6
Fri.	31	8.59	7.9	2.3	3.8
Sat.	1	10.14	5.1	4.8	0.9
Sun.	2	10.41	5.8	4.78	1.1
Mon.	3	11.10	5.6	5.12	1.5
Tues.	4	11.41	5.5	5.48	2.0
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TJISALAK	DAIET, AMOI	10th Sept.	12th Sept. 4 p.m.	MACASSAR & SOERABAYA
TJISONDARI	—	—	18th Sept. 4 p.m.	BATAVIA
TJITAROEM	DAIET, AMOI	24th Sept.	26th Sept. 4 p.m.	MACASSAR & SOERABAYA

NORTH BOUND.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON OR ABOUT	FOR
TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	In Harbour	—	—
TJILEBOET	JAVA, MACASSAR	7th Sept.	10th Sept.	AMOI, N. CHINA
TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	12th Sept.	15th Sept.	AMOI, SHANGHAI, KEELUNG
TJIKINI	JAVA, MACASSAR	21st Sept.	24th Sept.	AMOI, N. CHINA
TJIKARANG	BATAVIA	26th Sept.	29th Sept.	AMOI, SHANGHAI, KEELUNG

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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"LINAN" ... On 6th Sept.	2 p.m.
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August 28th.
Hydrangea, British str., 361 tons, Capt. T. H. Ball, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Chiu On Wharf—Chiu On S.S. Co.
Mexico Maru, Japanese str., 3,555 tons, Capt. T. Motoshige, from Moji, which port she left on August 28th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A6—O.S.K.

August 29th.
Antung, British str., 2,970 tons, Capt. G. Morse, from Singapore and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A3—B. & S.

Grellstone, British str., 2,614 tons, Capt. Chas. Hunter, from Calcutta, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B53—Berg Co.

Halldor, Norwegian str., 839 tons, Capt. J. Hansen, from Bangkok and Kuching, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39—Thoresen & Co.

Hong Hua, British str., 1,924 tons, Capt. May, from Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A25—Ho Thong & Co.

Hupei, British str., 1,205 tons, Capt. J. Maley, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C19—B. & S.

Kishu Maru, Japanese str., 1,567 tons, Capt. C. Mikami, from Keelung and Amoy, with 1,200 tons of coal and 99 tons of merchandise, lying at O.S.K. Wharf—O.S.K.

Portsea, British str., 2,587 tons, Capt. T. D. Sambridge, from Cheribon and Panaraku, with 2,500 tons of sugar, lying at buoy No. A33—J.C.J.L.

Soochow, British str., 1,194 tons, Capt. J. McCulloch, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12—B. & S.

Tanda, British str., 4,238 tons, Capt. S. Pilcher, from Moji, which port she left on August 24th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A4—MacKinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Tjondari, Dutch str., 5,019 tons, Capt. P. Weide, from Muntok, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A5—J.C.J.L.

Van Heutz, Dutch motor ship, 2,784 tons, Capt. J. Grothoff, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A24—J.C.J.L.

Yatshing, British str., 1,424 tons, Capt. P. Jowitt, from Shanghai and Swatow, with 322 tons of general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

CLEARANCES.

August 29th.
Footshing, for Swatow.
Gambada, for Moji.
Hong Hua, for Amoy.
Hupei, for Amoy.
Lee Cheung, for Shanmi.
Mexico Maru, for Singapore.
Soochow, for Canton.
Tak Hing, for Amoy.
Tean, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Tjimonoket, for Macassar.
Voyotomi Maru, for Keelung.
Van Heutz, for Singapore.
Yung Fu, for Hongkong.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET.

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
To-day	6.05 a.m.	6.42 p.m.
To-morrow	6.05	6.41

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.
 The following passengers arrived yesterday by the s.s. *Tanda* from Japanese ports and are proceeding by that vessel to Australia:—Mr. G. R. Rouse, Mr. F. G. Murdoch, Mrs. Murdoch, Mr. W. McKinnon, Mr. H. Russell.

Departures.
 The following passengers left here on August 29th by the *Empress of Russia* for Japan and Vancouver:—Mr. E. S. Aug, Mr. Au Pa Kan, Mrs. Ah Yew, Master G. Brown, Mr. L. C. Blok, Mr. W. Y. Chai, Mr. C. K. Chen, Mr. K. B. Chang, Miss Chan Sit Mun, Miss Chan Sit Law, Mrs. Chan She, Mr. Chang Wai Ching, Mrs. Chan Fung Chun, Mrs. Choy Fung Kum, Mr. A. Candide, Mr. G. Candide, Mr. Chiu Chuk King, Mr. T. W. Chu, Mr. Chiu Shiu Chor, Mr. Chur Ching Nee, Mr. Cheng Tsong Ya, Mr. Chow Yuet, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Chen, Miss Mary Chong, Mr. K. Chang, Mr. Chan Yew Shing, Master P. Chow, Mr. P. Choo, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Choy, Mr. Chan Kam Yee, Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Chun, Mr. P. V. Chiao, Mr. C. M. Correa, Mr. P. T. Carey, Miss Doong Yuk, Miss Doong Pie King, Mr. and Mrs. S. Dasmarrinas and son, Mrs. M. H. Hung and family, Miss M. L. Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Der and daughter, Mr. V. H. Hung, Miss N. A. Dung, Mr. Doong Shin Pu, Miss M. Dennis, Rev. J. M. Drought, Mr. G. W. Dudley, Miss M. Enbank, Mrs. Maude Evans, Mr. D. Ferry, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lung and family, Miss S. W. Lung, Mrs. Fong She, Mr. G. Tong, Mr. D. Gavez, Mr. A. W. Grimmit, Mr. J. F. Gutierrez, Mr. W. L. Gerrard, Mr. J. B. Grove, Rev. V. H. Gowen, Lieut. W. R. George, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hara, Miss Hara, Mrs. M. F. Ho, Mrs. Hin Shi and infant, Mrs. Ho Che Ying, Mrs. Heller and infant, Mr. S. W. Hee, Master Hung Fung, Miss J. Ho Tung, Miss C. Ho Tung, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Henderson, Miss Irene Ho Tung, Mr. Ip Pak Ming, Mr. Ip T. Kwong, Miss In King Chan, Master Ip Shim, Mr. Jose K. Kilar, Mrs. Kem Pey Chi, Mr. Y. C. King, Mr. Kwan Fong, Mr. Kwan Cheng Por, Mr. A. S. Liu, Mrs. Lau Pak Ko, Mr. Lo Kan, Mr. Lee Au Sui, Mr. Lau Pak K, Mr. Lee Wei Sheng, Dr. P. F. Lee, Mrs. Lee Choy Sin, Miss Lai Kin Tuen, Miss Lai Wai Nen, Mr. H. S. Lee, Mr. Loong K'un Yee, Miss M. Deech, Mr. Lai Jok Yen, Mr. Lee Yan Jok, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Lee, Miss Y. S. Liang, Master T. Y. Liang, Master T. W. Liang, Mr. Lim Wing Hon, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Lamson, Mr. Leung Ming Po, Mr. Lai Hing Cheng, Miss Y. H. Lee, Mrs. Lai Ling, Mr. Lam Shu Kwong, Mr. C. Y. Lun, Mr. and Mrs. Lam Chi Fong, Mr. W. K. Lo, Mr. K. K. Lee, Mrs. Lan Chuen, Mr. and Mrs. L. Loey de Loez, Mr. P. Monus, Dr. H. W. Miller, Mr. H. W. Miller, Jr., Miss P. Mendelsolen, Mr. A. Kogabab, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. M. Milo, Mr. G. H. Murrin, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Martin, Mr. L. Natividad, Mr. Ng Kwong Hing, Miss I. Nolasco, Mr. and Mrs. A. Navarro, Miss Norma Chan, Miss Pon Kim Ling, Master Poon Kwok Ua, Mrs. Pang Wai Fong, Miss Pei Yuen Wong, Miss M. F. Park, Mr. Pak Fun, Mr. Pak Cheong, Mr. Poon Tat Kee, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Potter, Mrs. E. A. Perkins, Miss C. A. Phillips, Mr. H. A. Pearson, Mr. A. J. Rodriguez, Miss G. Rozario, Miss L. Rozario,

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Cowes, August 28th.
 The Royal Yacht Squadron, probably the most exclusive club in the world, held its annual dinner last night at Cowes Castle.
 The King, who is Admiral of the Squadron, presided, and the company included the Commodore, Sir Richard Williams-Bulkeley, and the Vice-Commodore, the Marquess Camden. There were 70 guests, among them being the Earl of Albemarle, Sir Godfrey Baring, Senator Marconi, the Earl of Dunraven, Major Sir Philip Hunkloke, Major-General Seely, Earl Brecknock, Lord Mostyn, Lord Montagu, Sir Hercules Langrishe, and Major-General Lord Ruthven.
 When the King landed at the Yacht Club steps shortly after 3 o'clock a large crowd on the parade and in the neighbourhood of the steps cheered heartily.
 The Queen spent a long day on the island. In the morning, with Lady Shaftesbury, she went to Osborne House and visited Swiss Cottage, where the royal children used to play.
 She returned to the royal yacht for luncheon, and in the afternoon motored to the western side of the island and took tea with General and Mrs. Seely at Brook.
 The Spanish Royal Mail steamer, *Reina Maria Cristina*, fitted as a floating hotel, has anchored in Cowes roadstead. From her visitors can see the regatta, and when racing is over there is a night club cabaret, a band, and other entertainments.
 A feature of the cabaret is Spanish dancing.
 Lady Warrender's journey to Cowes on Sunday for the regatta week was attended with some excitement. She made the passage from Southampton in Capt. J. C. Gerard Leigh's auxiliary ketch *Gannet*, whose motor broke down. The yacht was carried by the tide against the bow of the destroyer *Fortigera*, lying at anchor in Cowes Road. The crew of the destroyer promptly got out a boat and went to the assistance of the yacht, which was cleared, and proceeded to Cowes.
 Lady Warrender was not injured.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rattey, Mrs. M. von Rosen, Mrs. Sack Chu Chee, Mr. S. Seth, Mr. and Mrs. Sa Yik Wun and family, Mr. H. G. Sheldon, Mr. P. B. Selle, Jr., Col. R. S. Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sin, Mr. Wm. Spence, Mr. E. Y. Teung, Mr. P. M. Tooy, Mr. Tang Kan Han, Mr. Tang Huan Cho, Mrs. M. V. Thompson and family, Mr. A. Tse, Miss J. van Teyn, Miss Tse Noi, Mr. N. Talambiras, Mr. J. M. Volway, Mr. Wong Sin Pak, Mrs. Wong Lin Hi, Mr. D. L. Wu, Mrs. N. Watson, Mr. T. G. Wang, Mr. T. S. Wang, Mrs. C. C. Wang, Mr. T. T. Wang, Dr. Wang Chung Hin, Mr. Wong Fong, Mr. H. P. Whitham, Mr. J. Yap, Mrs. Yue Wai Ying, Mr. Yue Kam, Mr. D. F. Yen, Mr. Yau Hung Hon, Mr. T. H. Yung, Mrs. J. F. Yen, Mr. Yau Kwan, Mr. S. S. Kwan, Mrs. Young Lau Hing, Mr. T. P. Yee, Mr. O. K. Yambert.

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OSAKA via AMOY, SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	"HOSANG"	Wed., 19th Sept., at 7 a.m.
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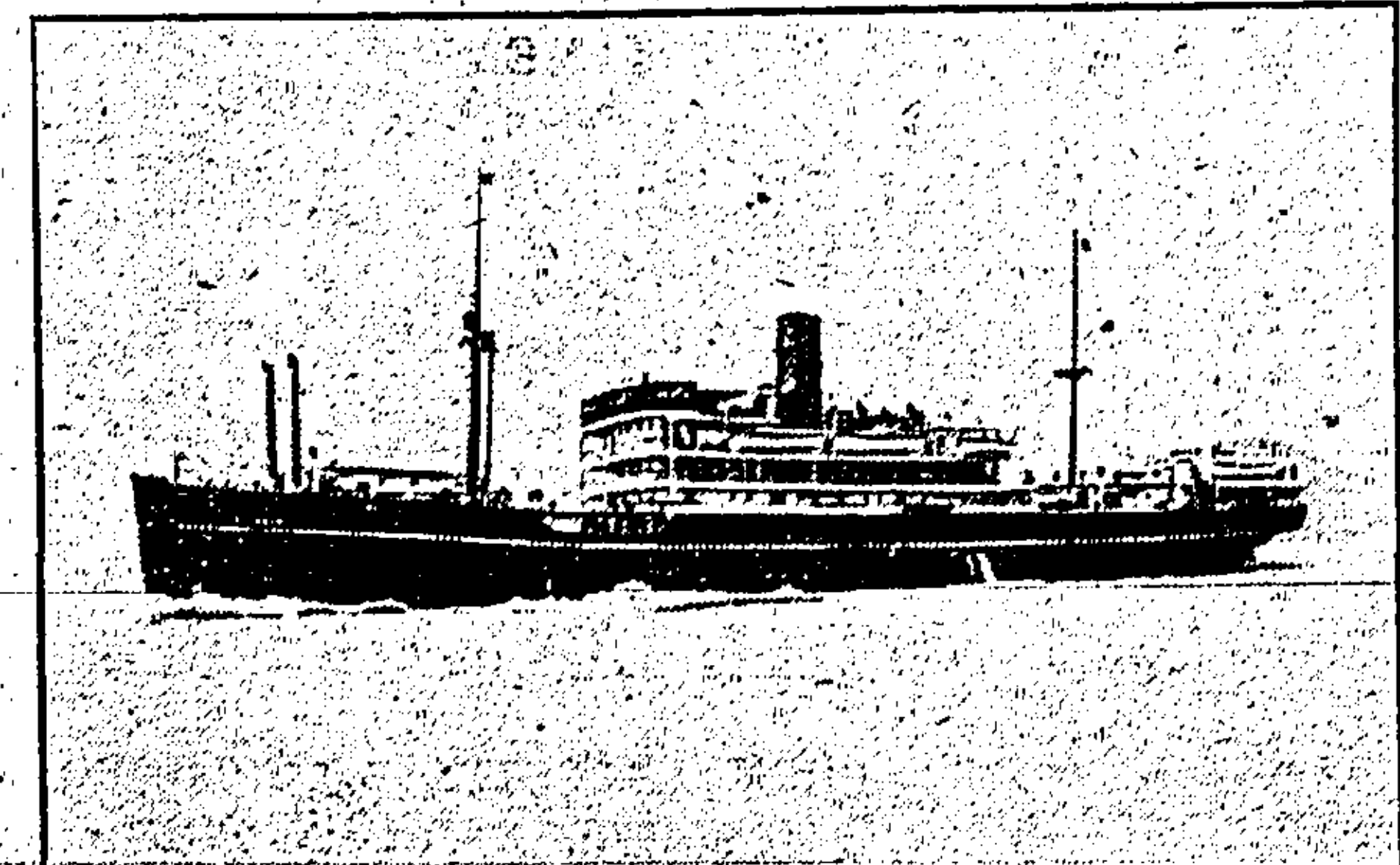
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EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Oct. 24	Nov. 10
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 7	Nov. 24
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Nov. 23	Nov. 23	Nov. 23	Nov. 23	Dec. 10
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Dec. 13	Dec. 13	Dec. 13	Dec. 13	Dec. 29
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Jan. 16	Jan. 16	Jan. 16	Jan. 16	Feb. 3
EMPERESS OF FRANCE	Feb. 5	Feb. 5	Feb. 5	Feb. 5	Feb. 23
EMPERESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 27	Feb. 27	Feb. 27	Feb. 27	Mar. 16
EMPERESS OF ASIA	Mar. 13	Mar. 13	Mar. 13	Mar. 13	Mar. 30
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HONGKONG-MANILA SERVICE

Leave Hong Kong	Arrive Manila	Leave Manila	Arrive Hong Kong
Sept. 4	Sept. 6	EMPERESS OF ASIA	Sept. 7
Sept. 25	Sept. 27	EMPERESS OF CANADA	Sept. 28

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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Porto.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 19th Sept.

AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 24th Oct.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

SADO MARU ... Tuesday, 11th Sept.

NAGATO MARU ... Tuesday, 25th Sept.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

BOKUYO MARU ... Saturday, 29th Sept.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News,
Vessels Expected, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

ONLY MODERATE CARGO RETURNS.

BRITISH VESSEL BEST CARRIER.

With only eleven arrivals and fifteen departures during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday the general merchandise discharged for this port showed a heavy decrease. Through freights were good but were far below the previous day's figures. A British vessel under Dutch charter was shown as the best cargo carrier both for Hong Kong and ports beyond. There were five British arrivals and four departures.

Twelve vessels discharged 9,627 tons of cargo for this port and six British ships contributed 4,693 tons. The best cargo return was shown by the a.s. *Portica* (British) with 2,100 tons of sugar from Chenbon and Parinaran. The latter vessel is under the charter of the Java-China-Japan Line. The a.s. *Hall-dor* (Norwegian) was second best with 2,078 tons of rice from Bangkok and Kosiakong.

Only six vessels carried through freights amounting to 11,271 tons. Three were British ships and were responsible for 6,510 tons. The best carrier was again the a.s. *Portica* (British) with 5,130 tons, followed by the a.s. *Mexico* (Japanese) from Yokohama and Moji.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	5	4
Japanese	1	2
Norwegian	2	0
Chinese	1	3
French	0	2
German	0	1
American	0	1
Swedish	0	1
Total	11	15

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail Line.

President McKinley, to-morrow.

Australian-oriental Line.

Taiping, September 7th.

Changle, October 10th.

Bank Line.

City of Khios, September 1st.

City of Lincolns, September 14th.

City of Wellington, October 5th.

City of Eastbourne, October 10th.

City of Athens, October 30th.

City of Lohor, December 8th.

Ben Line.

Bengloe, September 4th.

British-India and Apcar Line.

Takada, September 8th.

Tilawa, September 8th.

Talamba, September 10th.

Takima, September 20th.

Takima, October 10th.

Canadian Pacific Line.

Empress of Asia, September 3rd.

Doddwell & Co.

Remo, September 13th.

Toledo, September 24th.

Toronto, October 10th.

Dollar S.S. Line.

President Taft, September 3rd.

Eastern and Australian Lines.

St. Albans, September 3rd.

Ararua, October 8th.

Blue Funnel Line.

Tyndarus, September 2nd.

Seneca, September 4th.

Orestes, September 6th.

Burylochus, September 6th.

Meneleus, September 10th.

Telamon, September 18th.

Bellerophon, September 20th.

Proterodus, September 20th.

Phemius, September 21st.

Meriones, September 25th.

Matopos, September 25th.

Sargodon, October 3rd.

Arganau, October 9th.

Oanfa, October 15th.

Adrastus, October 15th.

Calchas, October 18th.

Talithybius, October 18th.

Agapenor, October 17th.

Antenor, October 18th.

Diomed, October 18th.

Pyrrhus, October 24th.

Cyclops, November 8th.

Ixion, November 6th.

Deucalion, November 6th.

Perseus, November 12th.

Helios, November 14th.

Hector, November 15th.

Titan, November 20th.

Dardanus, December 12th.

Glen Line.

Glenagarry, September 1st.

Glenogle, September 11th.

Glenagarry, September 15th.

Glenatara, September 27th.

Glenahiel, September 28th.

Carnarvonshire, October 14th.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linie.

Carl Legien, September 6th.

Heidelberg, September 6th.

Leverkusen, September 13th.

Ermland, September 20th.

Burgeland, October 11th.

Ruhr, October 26th.

Java-China-Japan Line.

Tjisondari, to-day.

Tjisondari, September 3rd.

Tjisondari, September 10th.

Tjisondari, September 10th.

Tjisondari, September 13th.

Tjisondari, September 24th.

Tjisondari, September 24th.

Messageries Maritimes.

D'Aragnan, September 11th.

Portheos, September 11th.

Athos II, September 25th.

Sphinx, September 25th.

General Metzing, October 8th.

Paul Lecat, October 23rd.

Andre Lebon, November 7th.

Chenonceau, November 21st.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

Hakozaki Maru, September 2nd.

Kawachi Maru, September 6th.

Hakone Maru, September 7th.

Taketo Maru, September 8th.

Hokuyo Maru, September 10th.

Shinjo Maru, September 12th.

Suwa Maru, September 21st.

Iyona Maru, September 16th.

Tango Maru, September 18th.

Maya Maru, September 23rd.

Siberia Maru, September 25th.

Fushimi Maru, October 5th.

Kanagawa Maru, October 8th.

Aki Maru, October 23rd.

Hakuyo Maru, October 24th.

Katata Maru, November 8th.

Ginjo Maru, December 3rd.

Peninsular and Oriental.

Kashgar, to-day.

Nagore, to-morrow.

Nagore, September 2nd.

Mizapore, September 13th.

Morea, September 13th.

Kalyan, September 15th.

Lahore, September 24th.

Khiva, September 27th.

Macedonia, October 12th.

Jeypora, October 12th.

Harmala, October 18th.

Rhyder, October 29th.

Kashmir, November 2nd.

Malva, November 8th.

Mantua, December 7th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

A New Arrival.

The a.s. *Grelstone* (British) which arrived yesterday morning direct from Calcutta was making her first visit to this port. The vessel left Calcutta on August 6th and got here at 7.30 a.m. yesterday after twenty-four days at sea. The vessel had a cargo of coal for this port.

She is under the command of Captain C. Hunter and has a registered tonnage of 2,514 tons. She did not carry any passengers.

Messrs. Berg & Company are the local agents.

Under Way Without Lights.

Chan Kun Leung, master of a fishing junk pleaded guilty to a summons for being underway without regulation lights. The case was heard at the Marine Court yesterday morning and defendant was fined \$10 with the alternative of ten days' hard labour.

Atlantic Deck Passengers.

Seven vessels brought 463 Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

MERCHANT VESSELS IN PORT.

The following merchant ships were in port yesterday at 9 a.m.:—British: *Hydrangea*, *Tanda*, *Portica*, *Upech*, *Kayong*, *Gambada*, *Empress of Russia*, *Neuchwang*, *Teon*, *Apcey*, *Fuo Shing*, *Elpenor*, *Halvard*, *Cape St. Andrew*, *Sumatra*, *Rin Sang*, *Lok Sun*, *Taikoo Wanyi*, *Seang Bee*, *Taikoo*, *Gorgistia*.

American: *New York*, *Norwegian*: *Haldor*, *Hiram*, *Harold*, *Pronto*, *Svalde*. Danish: *Clara*, *Jessen*.

Japanese: *Mexico* Maru, *Handa* Maru, *Korok* Maru, *Alenado* Maru, *Kashima* Maru, *Toyotomi* Maru.

Chinese: *Lee Cheung*, *Jejo*, *Yung Fu*, *Deawongse*, *Sun Kong*, *Wing On*, *Cheung On*, *Heng Hong*, *Derwent*, *Poo Tye*, *Tan On*, *Hung Chow*, *Gen H. Kuo*, *Man Sun*. Dutch: *Tijmanock*, *Jan*, *Otto*. Portuguese: *Kong On*, *King On*.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* arrived

POST OFFICE NOTICE

The Hong Kong Postal Guide for 1928 is now on sale at the General Post Office and Kowloon Post Office at the price of 50 cents a copy.

The afternoon mail service to Macao has been resumed.

INWARD MAILS:

From	Pass	Due
Europe via Suez (letters & papers, London, 2nd Aug., & parcels, 26th July)	Kashgar	30th Aug.
SHANGHAI & AMOY	Luchow	30th Aug.
SHANGHAI & EUROPE via SIBERIA	Naldora	31st Aug.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. McKinley	1st Sept.
SHANGHAI & SWATOW	Shanghai	2nd Sept.
STRAITS	Nagasaki	2nd Sept.
AUSTRALIA AND MANILA	St. Albans	3rd Sept.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Empress of Asia	3rd Sept.
MANILA	Pres. Taft	3rd Sept.

OUTWARD MAILS:

For	Pass	Date & Time
Fort Bayard, Hainan, Pakhoi & Haiphong	Tean	Thursday, 30th, 6.30 A.M.
Haiphong and Haiphong	Manado Maru	6.30 A.M.
Amoy via Swatow	Hong Hing	6.30 A.M.
Straits	Wing On	10.30 A.M.
Macao	Hudayama	2.30 P.M.
Swatow	Clara John	4.30 P.M.
Haiphong	Kashgar	5.00 P.M.
Japan	Kashgar	6.00 P.M.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Halvard	Friday, 31st, Noon
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 15th September	Tanda	Parcels Noon, Letters 2.30 P.M.
Macao	Wing On	Kowloon P.O. 4.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 25th Sept.	Naldora	Reg. 1st, 9.00 A.M. Letters 10.00 A.M.
Macao	Wing On	G.P.O. 1.45 P.M.
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia	Glenary	Reg. 1st, 9.00 A.M. Letters 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Kiku Maru	Sunday, 2nd, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai & Japan	Hakodadi Maru	Monday, 3rd, 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai & Dairen	Lachow	2.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 5th October	Aden	Tuesday, 4th, Kowloon P.O. Reg. 1.00 P.M. Letters 1.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	G.P.O. 1.45 P.M.
Manila	Empress of Asia	Reg. 1st, 9.00 A.M. Letters 10.00 A.M.
Amoy	Sochoe	2.00 P.M.
Swatow	Yaching	Wednesday, 5th, 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Yunnan	6.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Friday, 7th, 2.00 P.M.
Wei Hai Wei	Kueichow	Saturday, 8th, 2.30 P.M.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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Authorized Capital \$50,000,000
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Reserve Funds:—
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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 7th June, 1928. [26]

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For the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 13th Sept., 1927. [2]

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Reserve Fund, Guilders 40,000,000. (27,333,333).

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O. STEENSTRA, Manager.

Hong Kong, 30th Aug., 1928. [34]

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at rates that may be ascertained on application.

C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.

7, Queen's Road, Central.
Hong Kong, 18th July, 1928. [29]

THE BANK OF CHINA.

(Special authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL \$50,000,000.00

PAID-UP CAPITAL 19,760,500.00
RESERVE FUND 9,954,598.50

Head Office: PEKING.

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A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.
Hong Kong, 16th Mar., 1928. [30]

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D. BERNIS, Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th Aug., 1928.

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C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road, Central.
Hong Kong, 18th July, 1928. [29]

THE BANK OF CHINA.

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RESERVE FUND 9,954,598.50

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SHOU J. CHEN, Manager.
Hong Kong, 30th June, 1927. [27]



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CH. LEM, Manager.
Hong Kong, 30th August, 1928. [32]

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Bank Bills, on demand ... 133 1/2

ON CALCUTTA:—

Telegraphic Transfer ... 133 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand ... 133 1/2

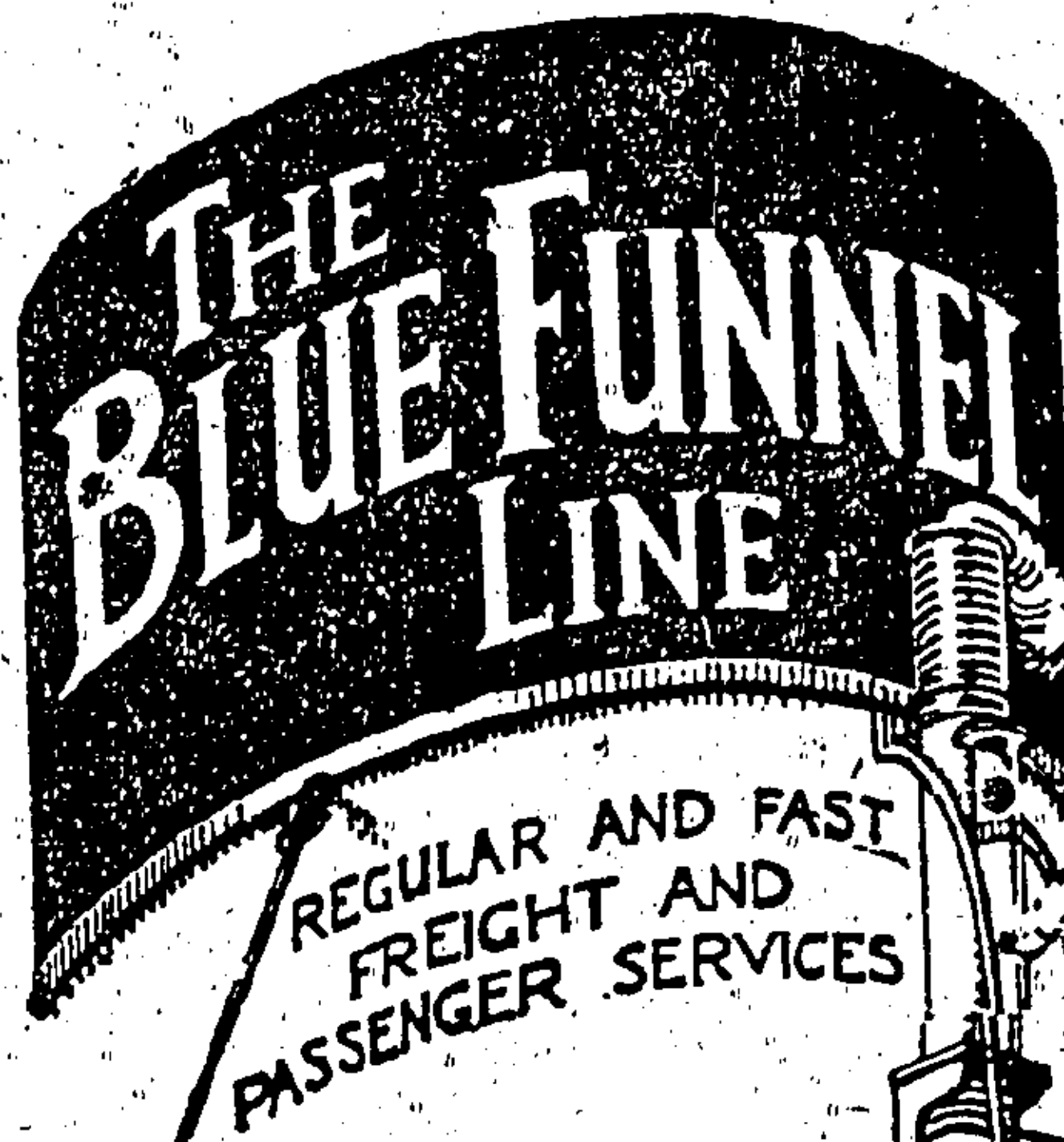
ON SHANGHAI:—

Bank Bills, at sight ... 78 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight ... 107 1/2

ON YOKOHAMA:—

On demand ... 97 1/2
On sight ... 88 1/2
On 3 months' sight ... 121 1/2
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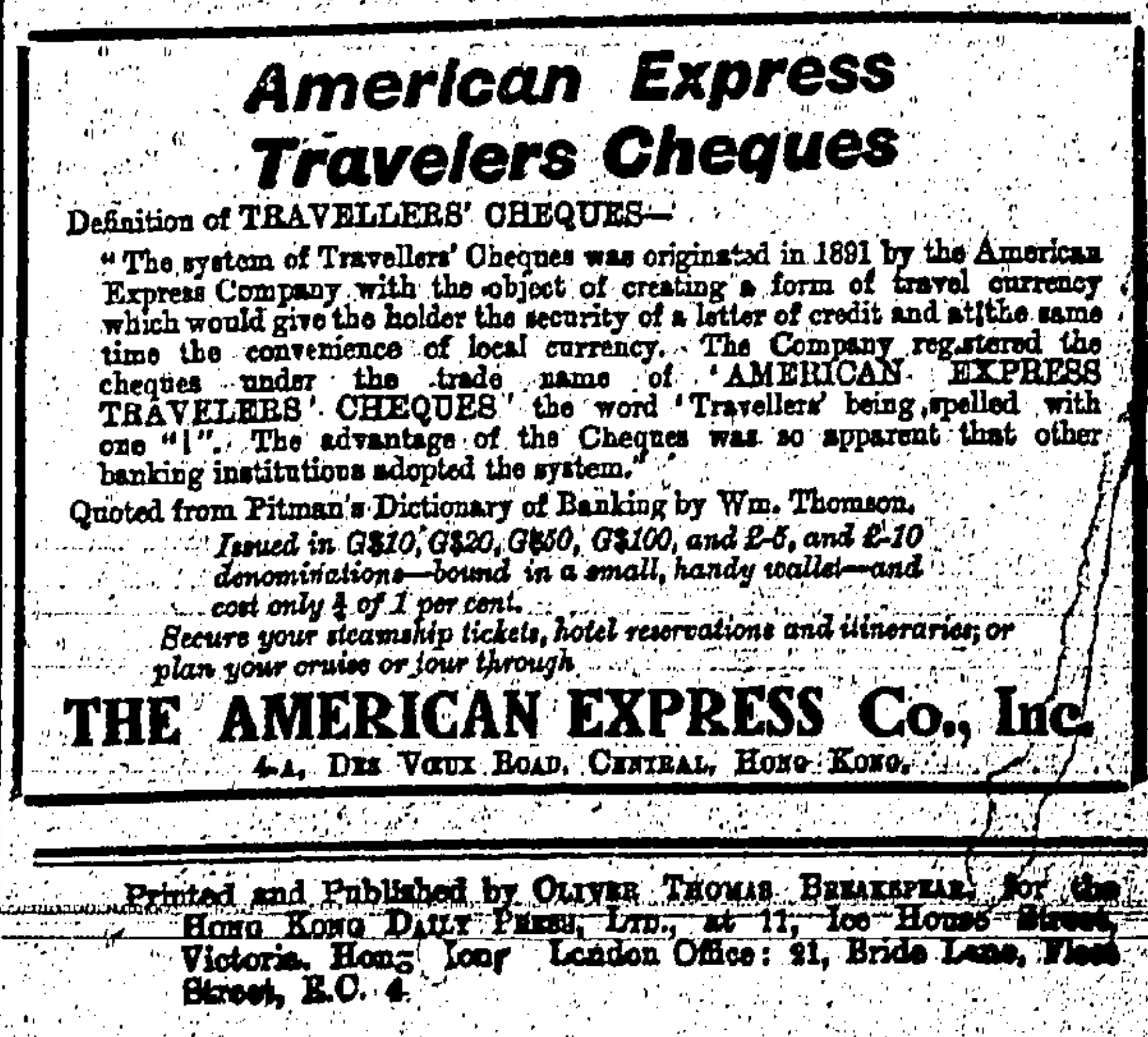
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